Decision No. C25-0494

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

## PROCEEDING NO. 25AL-0239E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1983 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC TARIFF TO REVISE THE COMMODITY ADJUSTMENT FACTORS TO ALL ELECTRIC BASE RATE SCHEDULES, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.

# COMMISSION GRANTING MOTION FOR PARTIAL AND TEMPORARY WAIVER OF ELECTRIC TARIFF SHEETS NOS. 143D-F AND WAIVER OF RESPONSE TIME

Issued Date: July 1, 2025 Adopted Date: June 25, 2025

## I. <u>BY THE COMMISSION</u>

## A. Statement

1. By this Decision, the Commission grants the Motion for Partial and Temporary Waiver of Electric Tariff Sheets Nos. 143D-F and Waiver of Response Time ("Motion for Waiver") filed by Public Service Company of Colorado ("Public Service" or the "Company") on May 30, 2025.

# **B.** Discussion, Findings, and Conclusions

2. On May 30, 2025, Public Service Company of Colorado ("Public Service") filed Advice Letter No. 1983 for its quarterly revision to the Electric Commodity Adjustment ("ECA") factors in compliance with ECA Sheet No. 143C of the Company's Electric Tariff and Commission Decision No. C09-1446 in Proceeding No. 09AL-299E, to become effective July 1, 2025. The overall effect of the proposed ECA factors adjustment will result in a net decrease in the Company's revenue for the period July – September 2025 of \$3,004,636. The impact of this filing on the Company's average residential customer electric bill is an increase of \$0.40 per month to \$96.87, or 0.41 percent. The effect on the average typical small commercial electric bill is a decrease of \$0.79 per month to \$126.83, or 0.62 percent.

3. Concurrently with the Advice Letter filing, Public Service filed its Motion for Waiver. The Motion for Waiver seeks to allow the Company to include within the ECA a \$3,433,096 credit to customers for a liquidated damages payment associated with the Cheyenne Ridge Wind Project that the Company received in March 2025.

4. Pursuant to Rules 1003 and 1400 of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* ("CCR") 723-1, Public Service requests a partial and temporary waiver of the Sheet Nos. 143D-F of its Electric Tariff to allow it to include in the Electric Commodity Adjustment Revenue Requirement ("ECARR") for the third quarter of 2025 the retail allocation of a liquidated damages payment associated with the Cheyenne Ridge Wind Project that the Company received in March 2025. These Electric Tariff Sheets outline the types of costs that are allowed for inclusion in the ECA. Liquidated damages payments are not included in the list of items allowed for inclusion in the ECA, so a waiver of these Electric Tariff Sheets is necessary to credit these dollars to customers through the ECA.

5. The Company is requesting the waiver at this time so that the payment can be timely credited to the ECA Deferred Balance and thus reduce the ECA for its customers in the third quarter of 2025. A true-up to the actual amount will occur when the actual amount is recorded to the ECA Deferred Account Balance. This requested partial and temporary waiver is

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to the third quarter ECA factor and thus will terminate September 30, 2025, when the totality of the liquidated damage amount at issue is trued-up and recovered.

6. Staff reviewed the Advice Letter, the accompanying tariffs, and the work papers provided with no material issues found and recommended the Commission take no further action to allow this advice letter to go into effect by operation of law, and that the accompanying Motion for Waiver be duly approved.

7. On June 25, 2025, the Commission allowed Advice Letter No. 1983-Electric to go into effect by operation of law, in advance of its July 1, 2025, proposed effective date and found good cause to grant this related Motion for Waiver.<sup>1</sup>

8. We find good cause to grant this Motion pursuant to Rules 1003 and 1400 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 CCR 723-1, because it will ensure that the reduction in the ECA due to the liquidated damages from the Cheyenne Ridge Wind Project is timely passed along to customers.

### II. <u>ORDER</u>

### A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Motion for Partial and Temporary Waiver of Electric Tariff Sheets Nos. 143D-F and Waiver of Response Time filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on May 31, 2025, is granted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Company also requested a waiver of response time to this Motion. However, this request is moot because pursuant to Rules 1308 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 CCR 723-1, any responses to this Motion were due on June 13, 2025.

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2. This Decision is effective immediately upon its Issued Date.

# B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING June 25, 2025.



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