

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 19AL-0687E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE NO. 1814 FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO IMPLEMENT THE MODIFIED RESIDENTIAL ENERGY TIME-OF-USE SCHEDULE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2020.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE**

Mailed Date: December 11, 2019
Adopted Date: December 11, 2019

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On December 9, 2019, Public Service Company of Colorado filed this Amended Motion of Public Service Company of Colorado For Commission Approval of Alternative Form of Notice. By Advice Letter No. 1814–Electric, filed here on December 2, 2019, the Company seeks to implement the modified Residential Energy Time-of-Use (“RE-TOU”) Schedule and related tariff changes in its Colorado P.U.C. No. 8–Electric tariff, to become effective January 2, 2020.

2. Public Service states that it is implementing the modified schedule and related tariff changes in accordance with Decision No. C16-1075 in Proceeding Nos. 16AL-0048E, 16A-0139E, and 16A-0055E (“The Three Case Settlement”).

3. In its Amended Motion, Public Service explains that the legal notice it provided when it filed its original motion (Attachment A) was published in the Denver Post on December 8, 2019; however, after consulting with Commission Staff, the Company made certain minor revisions to its legal notice and intends to publish the revised legal notice (included in the record as Revised Attachment A) on December 15, 2019. The Company proposes to meet its notice obligations under § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S. by posting the proposed customer notice on its

website and by keeping the filing open for public inspection. It also seeks approval to use the following alternative forms of notice:

- (a) publishing the original version of the legal notice (Attachment A) in *The Denver Post* on December 8, 2019, and the revised legal notice (Revised Attachment A) on December 15, 2019, consistent with § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(A), C.R.S.;¹
- (b) posting a copy of the Modified RE-TOU filing on the Company's website;
- (c) providing the customer bill onsert attached as Attachment B to the original Motion to Public Service's residential electric customers with all mailed and e-billed customer bills, which are expected to be mailed or e-billed, as applicable, during a regular billing cycle over the course of approximately five (5) weeks commencing approximately two weeks after this filing;
- (d) providing an email with a link to the Modified RE-TOU Filing as contained in the Commission's E-Filing System to those on the certificate of service for the Consolidated Proceedings and the RE-TOU Trial and RD-TDR Pilot Stakeholder group; and
- (e) providing an email to all residential electric and electric/gas customers for whom the Company has an email address and who have elected to receive email notifications from the Company, in the form shown as Attachment C to this Amended Motion, which will include most of the bill onsert that is Attachment B to the original Motion.

3. Public Service opines that the proposed forms of notice are reasonable because newspaper notice provides nearly all customers the opportunity to obtain notice of the tariff changes during the first twenty (20) days of the thirty (30) day period prior to the January 2, 2020 effective date, and because notice will also be provided on the Company's website, by email, and by bill onserts. Public Service states that providing notice through these venues is less costly than the procedures prescribed by statute.

6. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-1207(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a utility may request to

¹ The Company points out in its Amended Motion that both notices convey the same essential information.

provide an alternative form of notice of proposed tariff changes. We find that the alternative forms of notice Public Service proposes in its Amended Motion are reasonable with respect to the Company's stakeholders and its general body of electric ratepayers. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative forms of notice Public Service requests.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The request for alternative form of notice for Advice Letter No. 1814—Electric proposed in the Amended Motion for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on December 9, 2019, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

B. **ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING December 11, 2019.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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