

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20AL-0301E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE NO. 1828-ELECTRIC OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 – ELECTRIC TARIFF TO IMPLEMENT AN ADVANCED GRID RIDER TO BE EFFECTIVE ON AUGUST 17, 2020.

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

Mailed Date: July 24, 2020
Adopted Date: July 22, 2020

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On July 17, 2020, Public Service Company of Colorado filed this Motion for Commission Approval of An Alternative Form of Notice. By Advice Letter No. 1828–Electric, also filed on July 17, 2020, the Company seeks to implement an Advanced Grid Rider (AGR) and related tariff changes applicable to all electric rate schedules, to become effective August 17, 2020.

2. Public Service states that it is seeking authority under § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., to provide alternative forms of notice for the AGR filing to its customers.

3. 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 seeks approval to use the following alternative forms of notice:

- a) publishing notice (Attachment A to its Motion) in the legal classifieds section of *The Denver Post* for two consecutive weeks (including one Sunday);
- b) posting a copy of the filing on the Company’s website;

- c) providing the customer bill onsert (Attachment B to its Motion) to Public Service's residential electric customers during a regular billing cycle over the course of approximately five weeks commencing approximately two weeks after its filing;
- d) providing electronic notification to parties included within the certificate of service for the Advanced Grid Intelligence and Security (AGIS) Proceeding (Proceeding No. 16A-0588E); and
- e) providing an email to all residential electric 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 its Motion, within 20 days of the 30-day noticing period.

4. 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 days of the thirty-day period prior to the August 17, 2020 effective date, and because notice will also be provided on the Company's website, by e-mail, and by bill onserts. Public Service states that providing notice through these venues is less costly than the procedures prescribed by statute and may avoid encouraging customers to opt out of text and e-mail notifications.

5. 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 provide an alternative form of notice of proposed tariff changes. We find that the alternative forms of notice Public Service proposes in its 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 Motion for Commission Approval of An Alternative Form of Notice filed on July 17, 2020, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
July 22, 2020.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
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