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

PROCEEDING NO. 21AL-0082E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1848 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE COLORADO PUC NO. 8- ELECTRIC TARIFF IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A NEWLY CREATED ADVICE LETTER IMPLEMENTING THE SOLAR\*REWARDS INCOME-QUALIFIED TARIFF THAT IS BORNE FROM A BIFURCATION OF THE SOLAR\*REWARDS LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDENS FROM THE SOLAR\*REWARDS COMMUNITY SERVICE TARIFFS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2021.

# INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE

Mailed Date: March 1, 2021 Adopted Date: February 24, 2021

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

## A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

- 1. On February 19, 2021, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed this Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice (Motion). By Advice Letter No. 1848-Electric, also filed on February 19, 2021, the Company seeks to implement its Solar\*Rewards Income-Qualified tariff with an effective date of April 1, 2021.
- 2. Public Service now moves pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., to provide alternative forms of notice of the tariff. In addition to posting the customer notice on its website as mandated by § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S., Public Service is seeking Commission approval to use the following alternative forms of notice:
- Publishing a legal notice, attached to the Motion as Exhibit 1, in *The Denver Post*, on two consecutive Wednesdays; and

- Electronic service of the legal notice, the Advice Letter and associated tariff on all parties to Proceeding No. 19A-0369E, the Company's most recent Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan.
- 3. Public Service maintains good cause exists for the Commission to approve the alternative forms of notice. The Company represents that the alternative forms of notice listed above will provide direct notice to all parties who participated in the most recent cases involving Solar\*Rewards Community Solar Gardens, and that the newspaper notices will provide the general public with the necessary information about the tariff filing. The Company concludes that the proposed alternative notice is sufficient to alert affected and interested parties of the changes that the Company is proposing by its Advice Letter in a timely fashion, and in a manner that is less costly than the approaches outlined in statute.
- 4. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and 4 CCR 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 will provide sufficient notice to interested parties and the general public and will do so efficiently. 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 Approval of Alternative Form of Notice filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on February 19, 2021, is granted.
  - 2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

# B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING February 24, 2021.



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