Decision No. C21-0234-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 21AL-0144G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 982 - GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 6 - GAS TARIFF TO REVISE ITS GAS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT COST ADJUSTMENT TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE

Mailed Date: April 16, 2021 Adopted Date: April 7, 2021

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

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

- 1. On April 1, 2021, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice (Motion). By Advice Letter No. 982-Gas, also filed on April 1, 2021, the Company filed its tariff filing to implement a revision to the Company's Gas Demand-Side Management Cost Adjustment components, effective July 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 Sundays; and
 - Electronic Service of the legal notice, the Advice Letter and associated tariff on all parties to Proceeding Nos. 18A-0606EG, the 2019/2020 Biennial DSM Plan and 20A-0287EG, the 2021/2022 Biennial DSM Plan.

- 3. Public Service maintains good cause exists for the Commission to approve the alternative form 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 the Company's Demand Side Management Plans, 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 the statute.
- 4. 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 will provide sufficient notice to Public Service's customers 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 April 1, 2021, is granted.
 - 2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

Director

B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING April 7, 2021.

