

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

PROCEEDING NO. 22AL-0511E

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IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1904 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC TARIFF TO UPDATE THE RENEWABLE\*CONNECT CHARGE AND CREDIT, TO UPDATE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SECTION TO REFLECT UPDATED REVENUE SHARING TERMS, AND UPDATE THE DEFINITIONS SECTION IN THE TARIFF, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023.

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

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Mailed Date: November 28, 2022

Adopted Date: November 23, 2022

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions**

1. On November 15, 2022, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice (Motion) to apply to the Company's Advice Letter No. 1904 – Electric,<sup>1</sup> through which the Company proposes to revise the Renewable\*Connect (R\*C) Credit and R\*C Charge in its Colorado P.U.C. No. 8 – Electric Tariff, applicable to all electric base rate schedules, effective January 1, 2023.

2. In the Motion, Public Service states the R\*C Credit is based upon the total system benefits, on a per Kilowatt-hour (kWh) basis, which are created by the addition of the R\*C resource

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<sup>1</sup> The Motion references Advice No. 1871 – Electric, which we believe is error and intended to reference Advice No. 1904 – Electric.

to the Public Service system. With this filing, the R\*C Credit will be decreased to \$0.04448/kWh in 2023 from the 2022 rate of \$0.04635/kWh. Public Service states the R\*C Charge captures the cost of the purchase power agreement (“PPA”) for the dedicated solar resource, Solar Integration Costs, program administrative costs (includes marketing and IT costs) and a subscription risk adjustment. The Company states the R\*C Charge is decreasing due to the implementation of an administrative cost cap of \$0.004/kWh agreed to amongst the settling parties to the Unopposed and Comprehensive Settlement Agreement in Proceeding No. 21A-0625EG, the Company’s 2022-2025 Renewable Energy Plan. Public Service states it is also providing an update to the Rules and Regulations for R\*C to reflect the revenue sharing terms agreed to in the Unopposed and Comprehensive Settlement Agreement in Proceeding No. 21A-0625EG and is removing the definition of “Weighted Average Cost of Capital” from the Definitions section.

3. Public Service moves pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and Rule 1207(b), 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-1 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, to provide alternative forms of notice for the Company’s filing to its customers. Public Service requests Commission approval to use the following forms of notice:

- Publishing a legal notice, in the form attached hereto as Attachment A, in *The Denver Post* for two (2) consecutive weeks during the first 20 days of the 30-day period prior to the effective date of the proposed tariff revisions, consistent with § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(A), C.R.S.
- Electronic service of the legal notice, the Advice Letter, and associated tariffs on all intervenors in Proceeding No. 16A-0055E, the Company’s Renewable\*Connect

(formerly Solar\*Connect) Application, and all parties to the three-case settlement in Proceeding No. 16AL-0048E

- Posting the customer notice and proposed tariffs on the Company's public website pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S.  
[https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates\\_and\\_regulations/filings](https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations/filings)

4. Public Service maintains that good cause exists for the Commission to approve the proposed alternative forms of notice, and that it will avoid incurring the expenses that is entailed in other forms of statutory notice. The Company concludes the proposed alternative forms of notice will be sufficient to alert affected and interested parties to the tariff changes the Company is proposing, including by providing notice of the estimated impact on average Residential and Commercial customers.

5. 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 alternative forms of notice of a tariff change. We find the alternative forms of notice the Company proposes in the Motion will provide sufficient notice to its customers and will do so efficiently. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative forms of notice that the Company requests.

## **II. ORDER**

### **A. It Is Ordered That:**

1. The Motion for Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice, filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on November 15, 2022, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
November 23, 2022.**

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Doug Dean,  
Director

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