

Decision No. C22-0755-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22AL-0512E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1905 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC TARIFF TO UPDATE THE FIXED SOLAR*REWARDS COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023.

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

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. 1905 – Electric, through which the Company proposes to revise the Solar*Rewards Community Service (SRCS) Credits 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 that, in compliance with the Company's approved Public Service's Colorado P.U.C. No. 8 – Electric Tariff Sheet Nos. 114A, through 114I, the Company filed Advice Letter No. 1872 - Electric on November 15, 2021, proposing an increase in the fixed class credits for all secondary rate service schedules and changes to the variable commercial and industrial (C&I) credit components to take effect on January 1, 2022. Public Service states the proposed Fixed SCRS Credits for all primary and transmission service schedules

will result in an increase in the credits when compared to the SRCS Credits that were filed in Proceeding No. 21AL-0542E.

3. Public Service states the SCRS credit levels are based on the forecasted Total Aggregate Retail Rate (TARR) for the following year. The TARR is the sum of all base rate components plus all applicable riders. The Company states the credit change from 2022 to 2023 ranges from 7.3 percent to 14.2 percent. The changes in credits were primarily due to the implementation of the General Rate Schedule Adjustment from the Company's 2021 Phase I Electric Rate Case, Proceeding No. 21AL-0317E.

4. 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.

- Posting the customer notice 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
- Electronic service of the legal notice, the Advice Letter and associated tariff on all parties to Proceeding No. 21AL-0542E the Company's most recent Renewable Energy Standard Plan in Proceeding No. 21A-0625EG
- Electronic or mail service on all customers who have subscribed to solar community gardens and who are entitled to receive bill credits
- Electronic service on all solar garden developers the Company has in the queue for solar garden contracts

5. 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.

6. 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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