

Decision No. C14-0796

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0728E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1674-ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS ELECTRIC DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT COST ADJUSTMENT TARIFF.

**DECISION GRANTING APPLICATION
FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE
AND WAIVING RESPONSE TIME**

Mailed Date: July 11, 2014

Adopted Date: July 9, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of an Application for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice and for Waiver of Response Time (Application), filed on July 2, 2014, by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company).

2. Public Service requests the Commission enter a decision approving an alternative form of notice pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(D), C.R.S., that will apply to its Advice Letter No. 1674-Electric. The purpose of the advice letter is to revise Public Service's Electric Demand-Side Management Cost Adjustment (DSMCA) tariff to implement an increase in the DSMCA factors effective January 1, 2015. The Company proposes to recover Demand-Side Management (DSM) costs associated with periods prior to 2009; incentives consisting of both the Disincentive Offset and Performance Incentive components for 2013; and true-ups associated with the Company's implementation of the 2013 DSM Plan, its Interruptible Service Option

Credit (ISOC), and third-party demand response programs during 2013. The DSMCA rates filed with Advice Letter No. 1674-Electric will recover amounts equal to the approved 2014 electric DSM budget of \$87,763,495; the 2015 Third-Party Demand Response budget of \$2,645,975; and the Company's ISOC budget for 2015 of \$33,490,554, including both projected ISOC credits and incremental Operation and Maintenance and marketing costs, less \$89,808,803 in DSM-related expenditures the Company forecasts that it will recover through base rates during 2015.

3. Public Service is seeking to provide the same form of notice that has been approved in the past with respect to all of the Company's prior Advice Letter filings to revise the electric DSMCA. Specifically, Public Service is seeking Commission approval to use the following form of alternative notice:

- a. Filing with the Commission, and keeping open for inspection, the filing;
 - b. Publishing a legal notice, attached to the Application as Exhibit 1, in *The Denver Post* for two consecutive days Sunday, July 13th, and Sunday, July 20th; and
 - c. Electronically service the advice letter and associated tariffs on all parties in Proceeding Nos. 11A-631EG and 13A-0773EG, the proceedings initiated to consider the Company's 2012-2013 Biennial DSM Plan and the recently approved 2014 DSM Plan, respectively.
4. Public Service argues that there is good cause for the alternative form of notice.

The Company would like to avoid incurring the expense associated with the other forms of statutory notice. Public Service estimates the cost of effectuating notice through individual mailings to be in excess of \$300,000. Public Service argues that its proposed form of notice will provide direct notice to all parties who participated in the most recent case involving its extension and distribution policies. The newspaper notices will provide the required information regarding the advice letter to the general public.

5. The Application contains the information required by the applicable Commission rules and is therefore deemed complete.

6. We find good cause to grant the Application and to waive response time to it. We find that that alternative form of notice proposed by Public Service is reasonable with respect to the stakeholders and the general public. The Commission will discuss the merits of Advice Letter No. 1674-Electric at a future date.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

- 1. The Application for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice, filed on July 2, 2014, by Public Service Company of Colorado is granted and response time is waived.
- 2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
July 9, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean

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