

Decision No. R20-0604-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20AL-0301E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1828 ELECTRIC OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO.8 – ELECTRIC TARIFF TO IMPLEMENT AN ADVANCED GRID RIDER TO BE EFFECTIVE ON AUGUST 17, 2020.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
ROBERT I. GARVEY
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Mailed Date: August 18, 2020

I. STATEMENT

1. On July 17, 2020, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) filed Advice Letter No. 1828 with tariff sheets to implement an Advanced Grid Rider (AGR), which is designed to recover certain costs associated with implementation of Public Service's Advanced Grid Intelligence and Security (AGIS) Initiative. The proposed effective date of the tariffs filed with Advice Letter No. 1828 is August 17, 2020.

2. In the Advice Letter, Public Service proposes to implement a time-limited AGR in order to recover costs associated with the deployment of its AGIS Initiative, an effort to enhance the distribution system related to security, efficiency, reliability, and customer access. Proceeding No. 16A-0588E resulted in approval of a Settlement Agreement and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for foundational components of the AGIS Initiative, including Advanced Metering Infrastructure, Integrated Volt-Var Optimization, and portions of the Field Area Network (FAN) communications network. Other aspects of the AGIS Initiative are being

undertaken in the ordinary course of business, including the Advanced Management System and Geospatial Information System, a spatial load forecasting tool, Fault Location Isolation and Service Restoration, and private network portions of the FAN. Public Service provides testimony describing distribution system and information technology integration work related to AGIS Initiative activities.

3. On August 14, 2020, by Decision No. C20-0594, Proceeding No. 20AL-0301E was referred to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

4. In anticipation of the hearing, the undersigned ALJ is setting a prehearing conference in accordance with Rule 1409(a) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1.

5. A prehearing conference in this matter will be scheduled as ordered below.

6. The parties and potential parties are encouraged to engage in discussions for a procedural schedule before the scheduled prehearing conference and present a proposed procedural schedule at the prehearing conference. Any proposed procedural schedule should include a date for a public hearing.

II. **ORDER**

A. **It Is Ordered That:**

1. A prehearing conference is scheduled in this matter as follows:

DATE: September 22, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Hearing Room
Colorado Public Utilities Commission
1560 Broadway, Suite 250
Denver, Colorado

2. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

ROBERT I. GARVEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director