

Decision No. C14-1400

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

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-1115E

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APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE AND FOR WAIVER OF RESPONSE TIME.

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

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Mailed Date: November 24, 2014  
Adopted Date: November 20, 2014

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

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

1. On November 17, 2014, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed an application requesting Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice and for Waiver of Response Time (Application) to apply to its filing to revise its Solar Reward Community Service (SRCS) Credit tariff to increase the SRCS factors, effective January 1, 2015, consistent with the tariff.

2. Public Service states that, in compliance with its approved Electric Tariff Sheet No. 94F, it filed Advice Letter No. 1679 proposing an increase to the SRCS bill credits to take effect on January 1, 2015.

3. According to Public Service, the method for calculating the SRSC Credits is set forth in Schedule SRSC in its Electric Tariff. This method, including the obligation to annually update the SRSC Credits, was approved by Commission Decision No. C12-0606 in Proceeding No. 11A-418E issued June 8, 2012.

4. Public Service states that the revenue effect on the Company from these changes to SRCS Credits is minimal. Customers taking SRCS service will see reductions in their bills due to increases in the SRSC Credit. Public Service Renewable Energy Standard Adjustment (RESA) revenues will be reduced somewhat because the RESA 2 percent charge is applied to the changes in a customer's net bill. Additionally, while not immediately impacting Company rates charged to customers who are not on the SRSC Schedule, changes in the bill credits will affect the RESA Deferred Account, because all bill credits paid in excess of avoided costs are charged against that account.

5. In its Application for Alternative Notice, Public Service seeks authorization to use the following alternative form of notice:

(a) filing the change with the Commission and keeping it open for public inspection;

(b) publishing a legal notice, attached to the Application as Exhibit 1, in *The Denver Post*, a newspaper of general circulation;

(c) providing electronic service of the legal notice, the Advice Letter, and associated tariffs on all parties in Proceeding Nos. 11A-418E and 13A-0836E, the proceedings in which the Commission approved Public Service's Solar Rewards Community Program;

(d) providing electronic or mail service on all customers who have subscribed to solar community gardens and who are entitled to receive bill credits;

(e) providing electronic service on all solar garden developers Public Service has in the queue for solar garden contracts;

(f) providing electronic service on all persons who have signed up on the Xcel Energy website to receive updates about Public Service's Solar Rewards Community program; and

(g) posting the Legal Notice, Advice Letter, and associated tariffs on the Xcel Energy website page addressing Public Service's Solar Rewards Community program.

6. In support of its proposed alternative form of notice, Public Service contends that:

(a) these forms of notice will provide direct notice to all parties who participated in the most

recent cases involving the Solar Rewards Community program, all persons who are directly affected by this tariff change, and all persons who have contacted the Company with an interest in forming a solar garden; (b) the newspaper notice and the website posting will provide the required information regarding the SRCS Credits to the public more generally; and (c) the proposed forms of alternative notice should be sufficient to alert affected and interested parties of the changes that the Company is proposing by this Advice Letter in a timely fashion.

7. The Application for Alternative Form of Notice contains all of the information required by Commission rules and is therefore deemed complete.

8. The Commission finds good cause to grant the Application and waive response time. We find that the alternative form of notice proposed by Public Service is reasonable with respect to the stakeholders and the general public.

## **II. ORDER**

### **A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. The application filed November 17, 2014, by Public Service Company of Colorado requesting Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice and for Waiver of Response Time to apply to its filing to revise its Solar Reward Community Service Credit (SRCS) tariff to increase the SRCS factors, effective January 1, 2015, consistent with the tariff, is deemed complete and is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
November 20, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Doug Dean,  
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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