

Decision No. C19-0960-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 19AL-0640E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE NO. 1810 FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO UPDATE THE FIXED SOLAR*REWARDS COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020.

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

Mailed Date: December 2, 2019

Adopted Date: November 20, 2019

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On November 15, 2019, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or the Company) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice (Motion) to apply to the Company's Advice Letter No. 1810-Electric, also filed on November 15, 2019. By Advice Letter No. 1810-Electric, the Company seeks to update the Solar*Rewards Community Service (SRCS) Credits in its Colorado P.U.C. No. 8 – Electric tariff, effective January 1, 2020.

2. Public Service states that it is proposing a decrease in the fixed class credits for all rate service schedules other than rate schedule Secondary General Low-Load Factor, where the rate would increase, and rate schedule Secondary Voltage Time-of-Use Electric Vehicle Service, which does not have a previous rate for comparison. The Company states that it is also proposing changes to the components of the variable Commercial and Industrial (C&I) customer specific credits.

3. By its Motion, Public Service seeks approval to use the following alternative form of notice:

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

(b) publishing a legal notice (attached to the Motion as Exhibit 1) in *The Denver Post* on two consecutive Sundays;

(c) electronic service of the legal notice, the Advice Letter and associated tariffs on all intervenors in Proceeding No. 16A-0139E, the Company's last Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan, and Proceeding No. 19A-0369E, the Company's current Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan;

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

(e) electronic service on all solar garden developers the Company has in the queue for solar garden contracts; and

(f) posting a copy of the filing on the Xcel Energy website.

4. The Commission notes that Public Service includes website posting in its request for an alternative form of notice, but the Company does not indicate whether the requested posting will be displayed on its website for at least thirty (30) days in compliance with § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S.

5. Public Service states that newspaper notice is less costly than the procedures prescribed by statute, and that it is a reasonable form of notice for this filing because there are no substantive issues in dispute, since the Company is complying with existing tariff provisions and Commission orders to update the SRCS Credit rates annually.

6. As good cause to grant the motion, Public Service states that the proposed alternative notice should be sufficient to alert affected and interested parties of the changes proposed by its Advice Letter in a timely fashion. The Company states that if the requested notice forms will provide direct notice to all parties who participated in the most recent cases involving

SRCS, and that the newspaper notices will provide the required information concerning the SRCS filing to the general public, including the estimated impact on average solar customers.

7. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-1207(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a utility may request to provide an alternative form of notice of proposed tariff changes. We find the alternative form of notice proposed by Public Service in its Motion to apply to Advice Letter No. 1810-Electric is reasonable with respect to the Company's stakeholders and its general body of electric ratepayers, provided that the Company's website notice complies with § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S. With the assumption that Public Service will satisfy the statute's requirement as ordered below, we find good cause to approve the alternative form of notice requested by Public Service.

II. **ORDER**

A. **It Is Ordered That:**

1. The request for alternative form of notice to apply to Advice No. 1810-Electric proposed in the Motion for Alternative Form of Notice filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on November 15, 2019, is granted.
2. Public Service shall post the notice on its website for at least thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Decision.
3. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
November 20, 2019.**

(S E A L)



ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

FRANCES A. KONCILJA

JOHN GAVAN

Commissioners

CHAIRMAN JEFFREY P. ACKERMANN
ABSENT.