

Decision No. C20-0826-I

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

PROCEEDING NO. 20AL-0505E

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IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1840 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC TO UPDATE THE FIXED SOLAR\* REWARDS COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021.

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

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Mailed Date: December 2, 2020  
Adopted Date: November 18, 2020

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

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

1. On November 16, 2020, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed this Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice (Motion). By Advice Letter No. 1840-Electric, also filed on November 16, 2020, the Company filed its tariff to revise the Solar\*Rewards Community Service (“SRCS”) Credits in its Colorado P.U.C. No. 8 – Electric tariff to effective January 1, 2021.

2. Public Service states that it filed Advice No. 1840 – Electric, on November 16, 2020, proposing a decrease in the fixed class credits for all secondary rate service schedules, except Schedule RD, and changes to the variable commercial and industrial (“C&I”) credit components to take effect on January 1, 2021.

3. Public Service seeks authority under § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., to provide an alternative form of notice of the updated SRCS Credit for each Rate Schedule and the Components of the C&I Customer Specific Credits, pursuant to Advice Letter No. 1840 – Electric. The

Company is requesting Commission authorization to provide notice of the proposed tariff changes through publication in the Legal Classified section of *The Denver Post*. According to the Company, this notice procedure is less costly than the procedures prescribed by statute. Newspaper notice is a reasonable form of notice for this filing because Public Service is not seeking, by this filing, any change to the methodology in calculating the SRCS Credit tariff.

4. In addition to posting the customer notice on its website as mandated by § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S., Public Service is seeking Commission approval to use the following alternative forms of notice:

- a. Publishing a legal notice, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, in *The Denver Post*, on two (2) consecutive Wednesdays;
- b. Electronic service of the legal notice, the Advice Letter and associated tariff on all parties to Proceeding No. 19A-0369E, the Company's most recent Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan;
- c. Electronic or mail service on all customers who have subscribed to solar community gardens and who are entitled to receive bill credits; and
- d. Electronic service on all solar garden developers the Company has in the queue for solar garden contracts.

5. Public Service maintains good cause exists for the Commission to approve the alternative form of notice. The Company represents that the alternative forms of notice listed above will provide direct notice to all parties who participated in the most recent cases involving SRCS. Additionally, Public Service asserts the newspaper notices will provide the required information regarding the SRCS filing to the general public, including the estimated impact on average solar customers. The Company concludes that the proposed alternative notice is sufficient to alert

affected and interested parties of the changes that the Company is proposing by its Advice Letter in a timely fashion.

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 an alternative form of notice of proposed tariff changes. We find that the alternative forms of notice Public Service proposes in its Motion will provide sufficient notice to Public Service's customers and will do so efficiently. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative forms of notice Public Service requests.

**II. ORDER**

**A. It Is Ordered That:**

1. The Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on November 16, 2020, is granted.
2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
November 18, 2020.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Doug Dean,  
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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