

Decision No. C20-0828-I

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

PROCEEDING NO. 20AL-0506E

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IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1841 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC TO UPDATE THE RENEWABLE\*CONNECT 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 25, 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. 1841-Electric, also filed on November 16, 2020, the Company filed its tariff to update the Renewable\*Connect (R\*C) Credit in the Company's Colorado P.U.C. No. 8 - Electric tariff to be effective January 1, 2021 (Motion).

2. According to Public Service, its R\*C program is an optional service for customers to purchase photovoltaic energy by subscriber agreement. The R\*C schedule in the Company's tariffs does not directly affect any other service or customer classes. The price R\*C subscribers ultimately pay as part of the program is determined by the derivation of an R\*C Charge and an R\*C Credit.

3. Public Service seeks authority under § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., to provide an alternative form to update the R\*C Credit, pursuant to Advice No. 1841 – Electric. The Company

is requesting Commission authorization to provide notice of the proposed tariff change through publication in the Legal Classified section of *The Denver Post*, a newspaper of general circulation. According to the Company, this notice procedure is less costly than the procedures prescribed by statute.

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 *Denver Post*, a newspaper of general circulation, for two consecutive Sundays, on December 6, 2020 and again on December 13, 2020; and,

b. Electronic service of the legal notice, the Advice Letter and associated tariffs on all intervenors in Proceeding No. 16A-0055E, the Company's Renewable\*Connect (formerly Solar\*Connect) Application, and all parties to the three-case settlement in Proceeding No. 16AL-0048E.

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 R\*C. Additionally, Public Service asserts the newspaper notices will provide the required information regarding the R\*C filing to the general public, including the estimated impact on average R\*C 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 25, 2020.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,  
Director

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