

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20AL-0505E

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.

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

Mailed Date: February 12, 2021

I. STATEMENT

A. Statement

1. On November 16, 2020, Public Service filed Advice Letter No. 1840 with tariff sheets to modify the Solar*Reward Community Service (SRCS) Credit. The tariffs associated with the SRCS program, also known as Community Solar Gardens (CSG), have also been updated, pursuant to Decision No. C20-0628E in Proceeding No. 19R-0608E, to include definitions for SRCS Third-Party Administrator, SRCS Low-Income Subscriber, and Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment Component. The Advice Letter impacts tariff Colorado P.U.C. No. 8 – Electric, sheets 114A through 114G for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

2. On December 15, 2020, the Company filed an Amended Advice Letter No. 1840 in order to revise the effective date of the tariff sheets from January 1, 2021 to February 1, 2021 and to alter the SRCS Credit calculation by removing costs recovered via the Colorado Energy Plan Adjustment (CEPA) rider. The Company states that, although it believes CEPA-related

costs are appropriately recovered from SRCS participants, “the Commission has not specifically directed the Company to make this exclusion.”

3. On December 16, 2020, Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Staff) took exception to the Company’s proposed changes to the calculation of the SRCS Credit. Staff argues that the Commission, via Decision No. C20-0700 in Proceeding No. 20AL-0191E, gave specific instruction to Public Service to recover the CEPA from “customers” and never attempted to differentiate CSG customers in any manner. Staff requested the Commission set for hearing the tariff sheets filed with Advice Letter No. 1840, as amended.

4. On January 27, 2021, by Decision No. C21-0045, Proceeding No. 21AL-0505E was referred to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

5. 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.

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

7. 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.

II. ORDER

A. It is Ordered That:

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

DATE: March 1, 2021
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
WEBCASTS: Commission Hearing Room B
METHOD: By video conference using GoToMeetings at link that will be provided to Parties by email

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