

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE NO. 1835-)
ELECTRIC OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY)
OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS)
COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC) PROCEEDING NO. 20AL-XXXXE
TARIFF TO ELIMINATE THE CURRENTLY)
EFFECTIVE GENERAL RATE SCHEDULE)
ADJUSTMENTS TO PLACE INTO EFFECT)
REVISED BASE RATES AND OTHER)
PHASE II TARIFF PROPOSALS TO)
BECOME EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 19, 2020)**

**MOTION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO
FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE**

Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service” or the “Company”), through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Colo. Rev. Stat. § 40-3-104(1)(c)(l)(E) and Rule 1207(b), 4 Code of Colorado Regulations 723-1, hereby requests that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) approve alternative forms of notice that will apply to Public Service's filing of Advice No. 1835 – Electric, its Phase II Electric Rate Case (the “Phase II ERC Filing”), through which the Company, among other things, proposes to eliminate the currently effective General Rate Schedule Adjustment (“GRSA”) and General Rate Schedule Adjustment – Energy (“GRSA-E”), place into effect revised base rates for all electric rate schedules, and otherwise make rate schedule and tariff changes to the Company’s currently effective P.U.C. No. 8 – Electric Tariff (“Electric Tariff”), as more specifically stated in the Phase II ERC Filing.

In support of this Motion, Public Service states as follows:

1. On October 19, 2020, the Company made the Phase II ERC Filing. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(a), C.R.S., Public Service has assumed a November 19, 2020 effective date for rates and tariff changes in this proceeding. However, the Company requests that the tariffs be suspended by the Commission and that the Commission set a hearing on the proposed rates and tariff changes. For the reasons explained by Company witness Ms. Brooke A. Trammell in her Direct Testimony, the Company requests an effective date of July 27, 2021, after suspension.

2. By this Motion, and based upon the Company's anticipation that the Commission will set the matter for hearing and suspend the effective date of the tariffs pursuant to § 40-6-111(1), C.R.S., the Company seeks authority under § 40-3-104(l)(c)(l)(D), C.R.S., to provide alternative forms of notice of the Phase II ERC Filing.

3. The legal notice the Company proposes to provide is set forth in Attachment A to this Motion. In addition to posting the legal notice on its website¹ and keeping the file open for public inspection as mandated by § 40-3-104 (1)(c)(l), C.R.S., Public Service is seeking Commission approval to use the following alternative forms of notice:

- a. Publishing a legal notice, in the form included herewith as Attachment A, in *The Denver Post*, for two (2) consecutive weeks, including one Sunday, consistent with § 40-3-104(1)(c)(l)(A), C.R.S.;
- b. Posting a public version of the Phase II ERC Filing in its entirety on the Company's website;

¹https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations/filings at the "Recently Filed Notices" section.

- c. Providing a bill onsert (included as Attachment B), to Public Service's retail electric customers with all mailed and e-billed customer bills, during a regular billing cycle over the course of approximately five (5) weeks, commencing approximately two (2) weeks after this filing;
- d. Sending an email to all retail electric customers for whom the Company has an email address and who have elected to receive email notifications from the Company, in the form shown as Attachment C to this Motion, within 20 days of the 30-day noticing period;² and
- e. Providing electronic notification of the Phase II ERC Filing to parties included within the certificate of service for the Phase I Electric Rate Case proceeding (Proceeding No. 19AL-0268E).

4. By this Motion, the Company seeks authority under § 40-3-104 (1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., to provide alternative forms of notice for the Phase II ERC Filing to its electric customers and other stakeholders as set forth above. The Company is requesting Commission authorization to provide notice of proposed tariff changes through publication in the Legal Classified Section of The Denver Post, a newspaper of general circulation, consistent with § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(A), C.R.S. There is good cause for the Commission to approve the alternative form of notice requested by this Motion. This notice procedure is less costly than the procedures prescribed by statute. Further, newspaper notice is a reasonable form of notice for this filing because it provides nearly all customers the

² Due to formatting issues, particularly on mobile devices, the email will not include the graphics from the bill onsert, nor will it contain the toll free contact number from the bill onsert because it is best practice to keep a customer in the communications channel they prefer or are using.

opportunity to obtain notice of the filing during the first twenty (20) days of the thirty (30) day period prior to the proposed November 19, 2020 effective date.

5. It is also reasonable because this alternative form of notice is in addition to notice that will be provided via bill onserts, which is permitted by § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(C), C.R.S. The notice that the Company proposes will be sufficient to notify parties that may be interested in reviewing the Company's Phase II ERC Filing and proposed rates.

6. The Company is adding as an additional form of alternative notice emails, in the form of Attachment C, to all retail electric customers for whom it has an email address and who have elected to receive email notifications from the Company, as the Phase II ERC Filing will affect all electric sales customers. As noted above, notice will also be emailed to parties included within the certificate of service for the Phase I Electric Rate Case.

7. The Company plans to move forward with these alternative forms of notice. Should the Commission deny this Motion, the Company will proceed to provide additional notice consistent with the Commission's order.

8. The Company believes that the alternative forms of notice listed above will provide the required information concerning the Phase II ERC Filing to the Company's affected customers, as well as the general public and stakeholders. The Company believes that the proposed alternative notice is sufficient to alert affected and interested parties of the changes that the Company is proposing by its Phase II ERC Filing in a timely fashion. As such, there is good cause for the alternative form of notice requested by this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Public Service respectfully requests that the Commission approve the alternative forms of notice set forth in this Motion pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S. and Rule 1207(b).

Dated this 19th day of October 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

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