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Advice No. 1781 – Electric

Public Utilities Commission
of the State of Colorado
1560 Broadway, Suite 250
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The accompanying tariff sheet issued by Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service” or the “Company”) is sent to you for filing in accordance with the requirements of the Public Utilities Law:

COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC

and the following sheet is attached:

Colorado P.U.C. Sheet No.		Title of Sheet	Cancels Colorado P.U.C. Sheet No.	
First Revised	109G	Renewable*Connect	Original	109G

The principal proposed change is to update the Renewable*Connect (“R*C”) Credit in the Company’s Colorado P.U.C. No. 8 - Electric tariff to become effective January 1, 2019. The Company’s R*C is an optional service for customers to purchase photovoltaic energy by subscriber agreement. This schedule will not directly affect any other service or customer classes.

The Company is not making any updates to the R*C Charges for the three subscription options (Month-to-Month, Five-Year, and Ten-Year) that are available to customers. The R*C Charges capture the cost of the purchase power agreement (“PPA”) for the dedicated solar resource, Solar Integration Costs, program administrative costs, marketing, and IT costs.

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The R*C Credit will be reduced to \$0.00377/kWh in 2019 from the 2018 rate of \$0.04077/kWh . The reduction in the 2019 R*C energy portion of the Credit (the amount of which is \$0.00377) is attributable to lower forecasted natural gas prices as compared to 2018.

The 2019 R*C energy portion of the Credit is based on the “Qualifying Facility Methodology” as approved by Commission Decision No. R15-1177 in Proceeding No. 13AL-0958E, with the exception that the marginal cost would be based on a 50MW resource. The R*C capacity portion of the Credit is based on the 2018 projection of the least cost capacity resource over the following ten years starting in 2018, and is to be locked in for the term of the PPA. The Company entered into the PPA on June 5, 2017, and it is expected that this resource will be commercially operational at the end of December 2018.

The current Charges and proposed Credit for the program are as follows.

Renewable*Connect Charge:	per kWh
Month-to-Month Subscription	\$0.04440
Five-Year Subscription	\$0.04157
Ten-Year Subscription	\$0.04077
Renewable*Connect Credit	\$0.03700

The subscription process was handled in two Phases during 2018. Phase I was open for Residential (R-Class) and Small Commercial (C-Class) customers on May 23, and ran for a period of eight weeks closing on July 18. The program was then closed for a brief period in order to prepare for larger commercial and industrial customers in Phase II of the subscription process. Phase II was opened on July 30 and closed the next day on July 31 when the remaining capacity was subscribed.

The dedicated solar resource for R*C is targeted to begin commercial operations in late December 2018. Based upon this date and the Company’s billing cycles, subscribing customers will not receive their first charges and credits for the program until 2019. Therefore, the Company is not providing a bill impact estimate at this time.

In support of this Advice Letter, the following Exhibits are attached:

Exhibit 1	R*C Charge Pricing Sheet
Exhibit 2	Derivation of the Capacity Portion of the R*C Credit
Exhibit 3	Derivation of the 2019 Energy Portion of the R*C Credit
Exhibit 4	Customer Legal Notice

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Notice of this filing will be published in the Legal Classified Section of *The Denver Post*, and the filing will be provided electronically to all intervenors in Proceeding No. 16A-0055E and parties to the three-case settlement in Proceeding No. 16AL-0048E. A copy of the notice is attached as Exhibit 4. The Company will also post this Advice No. 1781 – Electric, Legal Notice, and associated tariffs on the Xcel Energy website. Contemporaneously with this Advice Letter, the Company is filing a Motion for an Alternative Form of Notice seeking authority to provide notice of the filing as set forth in this paragraph.

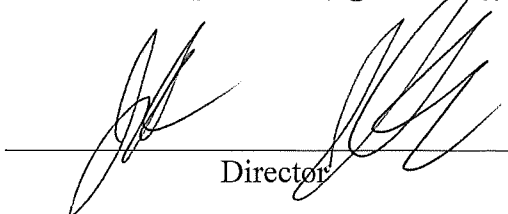
It is desired that the tariff sheets accompanying this Advice Letter become effective January 1, 2019.

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