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**Docket:** UG-120291  
Company Name: Puget Sound Energy

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### **Recommendation**

Issue a complaint and order suspending the proposed tariff revision filed by Puget Sound Energy on March 1, 2012, and approve rates on a temporary basis subject to revision.

### **Background**

On March 1, 2012, Puget Sound Energy, (PSE or company), filed tariff revisions to their Natural Gas Conservation Service Tracker. The revisions resulted in a decrease to the conservation revenue requirement of \$6,492,272 or 28.6 percent. The stated effective date is April 1, 2012. Also on March 1, 2012, the company filed its electric conservation tariffs with an effective date of May 1, 2012. Staff's review of the electric and gas conservation programs overlaps in many areas and therefore it is appropriate to review them over the same time frame.

### **Discussion**

In order to allow staff time to complete a review of the gas and electric conservation programs together, it is recommended that the gas conservation tracker tariff be suspended. However, in order to provide relief to ratepayers, Staff is recommending that the current proposed decrease in rates be allowed to go into effect on April 1, 2012 subject to revision upon Staffs review. Staff plans to bring both pending conservation tariffs to the open meeting on April 26, 2012.

### **Conclusion**

Staff recommends the commission issue a complaint and order suspending the proposed tariff revision filed by PSE in Docket UG-120291, and approve rates on a temporary basis subject to revision.