## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PUGET SOUND ENERGY CUSTOMERS ABOUT PROPOSED RATE CHANGES IN CONSERVATION PROGRAM CHARGE

Puget Sound Energy on Feb. 28, 2013 filed two requests with the state Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to adjust electric and natural gas rates to offset the costs of investments made in energy efficiency programs that are made available to customers. Both requests — 1) a slight decrease in natural gas rates through the Gas Conservation Program Charge listed on PSE bills, and 2) an increase to electric rates for certain types of service through the Electric Conservation Program Charge are asked to become effective on May 1, 2013. For some customers with certain types of electric service, the request is a slight rate decrease.

If approved by the UTC, the request to increase Electric Conservation Program Charge will increase rates by an overall average of 0.241 percent (241 one-thousandths of 1 percent).

An electric residential customer who uses an average of 1,000 kWh per month will see an increase of 28 cents per month, increasing the total monthly electric conservation program charge to \$4.63

The overall average rate change for customers with electric service is as follows:

## SCHEDULES/TYPE OF SERVICE

## PERCENT CHANGE

| Schedule 7—Residential Service                             | 0.251 increase |
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| Schedule 24—Small General Service                          | 0.224 increase |
| Schedule 25—Medium General Service                         | 0.312 increase |
| Schedule 26—Large General Service                          | 0.435 increase |
| Schedule 29—Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping Service | 0.272 increase |
| Schedule 31—Primary Voltage General Service                | 0.223 increase |
| Schedule 35—Primary Voltage Irrigation & Drainage Pumping  |                |
| Schedule 40—Large General Service Greater Than 3 aMW       | 0.478 decrease |
| Schedule 43—Primary Voltage Interruptible Schools          | 0.415 increase |
| Schedule 46—High Voltage Interruptible Service             |                |
| Schedule 49—High Voltage General Service                   | 0.141 decrease |
| Schedules 50-59—Outdoor Lighting Service                   | 0.099 increase |
| Schedules 448-459—Transportation                           | 0.000          |
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PSE requested this change through the existing Electric Conservation Service Rider mechanism previously approved by the UTC. The mechanism allows PSE to periodically adjust its electric rates to reflect changes in investments in energy efficiency for customers made by the company.

The UTC has the authority to set final rates that may vary from PSE's request, either higher or lower or structured differently depending on the results of its review.

**Comments or questions on proposals:** PSE customers may submit comments to the UTC about this proposal by using the online comment form at http://www.utc. wa.gov/comment; e-mailing to comments@utc.wa.gov; faxing to 360-664-4291; or mailing your comments to the UTC at: P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504. If you write, include your name and mailing address, the name of the company (PSE), and Docket No. UE-130305 for electric conservation. You may also ask questions of the UTC and request that the UTC notify you of the open meeting at which these proposals will be considered by the Commission. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the commission at (360) 664-1132 or human\_resources@utc.wa.gov.

The public, including residential and small business customers, is represented by the Public Counsel Section of the Washington State Attorney General's office. You can reach the Public Counsel Section by writing to Public Counsel, Assistant Attorney General, 800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98104-3188, or by e-mail at utility@atg.wa.gov.

If you have questions or comments for PSE about these proposals, you may submit those questions or comments by mailing, e-mailing or calling PSE at: Puget Sound Energy, ATTN: Customer Service, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA 98009-9734, by e-mail at customercare@pse.com or by telephone at 1-800-562-1482. Additional information about the electric and natural gas conservation filings is available at www.PSE.com.

