

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PUGET SOUND ENERGY CUSTOMERS ABOUT PROPOSED CHANGES IN RATES

Puget Sound Energy on Oct. 31, 2016, and on Nov. 29, 2016, filed requests with the state Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to adjust electric and natural gas rates. The requested changes, proposed to be effective on Jan. 1, 2017, are included in the Other Charges & Credits amount(s) listed on PSE bills:

- **Federal Wind Power Credit:** An annual true-up of the pass-through of federal income tax benefits derived from PSE's investments in the utility-owned and operated Wild Horse and Lower Snake River wind facilities. The filing requests to decrease the credit, which will increase electric rates for most customers.
- **Renewable Energy Credit:** Due to a reduction in the level of Renewable Energy Credit sales, PSE requests to set the credit to zero which will result in an increase in electric rates.
- **Merger Credit:** The Merger Credit, established in February 2009, will be decreased, causing an increase in electric and natural gas rates for most customers.

**NATURAL GAS RATES:** There will be no change for households with natural gas service using a 12-month average of 68 therms per month.

**ELECTRIC RATES:** The combined effect of all three rate changes for the typical residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity per month will increase a typical PSE monthly bill by 34 cents, or 0.33 percent in the monthly bill.

The overall average changes for electric and natural gas customers are as follows:

### TYPE OF SCHEDULE—ELECTRIC SERVICE

	<b>PERCENT</b>
Residential—Schedule 7 .....	0.32 increase
Secondary Voltage General—Schedule 8 .....	0.58 increase
Secondary Voltage General—Schedule 24 .....	0.54 increase
Secondary Voltage General—Schedule 7A .....	0.47 increase
Secondary Voltage General—Schedules 11,12, 26 and 26P .....	0.44 increase
Secondary Voltage General—Schedule 25 .....	0.41 increase
Secondary Voltage Seasonal Irrigation & Pumping—Schedule 29 .....	0.40 increase
Outdoor Lighting—Schedules 50–59 .....	2.05 increase
Primary Voltage General—Schedule 10 .....	0.65 increase
Primary Voltage General—Schedule 31 .....	0.60 increase
Primary Voltage Seasonal Irrigation & Pumping—Schedule 35 .....	1.10 increase
Interruptible Primary Voltage Electric Schools—Schedule 43 .....	0.70 increase
Campus Rate—Schedule 40 .....	0.95 increase
Interruptible High Voltage—Schedule 46 .....	0.94 increase
High Voltage General—Schedule 49 .....	0.45 increase
Choice/Retail Wheeling—Schedules 449, 459 .....	0.09 increase

### TYPE OF SCHEDULE—NATURAL GAS SERVICE

	<b>PERCENT</b>
Residential—Schedule 23 .....	0.00
Commercial & Industrial—Schedule 31 .....	0.02 increase
Commercial & Industrial Transportation—Schedule 31T .....	0.23 increase
Large Volume—Schedule 41 .....	0.01 decrease
Large Volume Transportation—Schedule 41T .....	0.03 decrease
Interruptible—Schedule 85 .....	0.01 increase
Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 85T .....	0.05 increase
Limited Interruptible—Schedule 86 .....	0.03 decrease
Limited Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 86T .....	0.04 decrease
Non-exclusive Interruptible—Schedule 87 .....	0.00
Non-exclusive Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 87T .....	0.03 increase
Gas Lighting—Schedule 16 .....	0.00
Special Contracts .....	0.02 increase
Rentals—Schedules 71, 72 and 74 .....	0.05 decrease

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

**Comments or Questions:** PSE customers may comment to the UTC on these proposed filings by: using the online comment form, at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/comment>; emailing to [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov); faxing to 360-664-4291 or mailing your comments to the UTC at: P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504-7250. If you write, include your name and mailing address, and the name of the company (PSE) and a description of the filings. You may also ask questions of the UTC and request notification of the open meeting at which these proposals will be considered by the commission. The UTC will provide reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need such accommodation, please contact the commission at (360) 664-1132 or [human\\_resources@utc.wa.gov](mailto:human_resources@utc.wa.gov).

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