

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

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) recently filed requests with the state Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to adjust natural gas rates. The requested changes, proposed to be effective on July 1, 2023 and implemented on November 1, 2023, would be reflected in the Delivery charge listed on the natural gas bill. These requested changes include:

- **Liquefied Natural Gas Rate Adjustment:** An overall increase in natural gas rates of 3.45% to collect the costs incurred with the construction and development of the Tacoma Liquefied Natural Gas Facility.
- **Distribution Pipeline Provisional Recovery Adjustment:** Overall no change in natural gas rates to collect costs incurred for the construction of four miles of distribution pipe. One transportation rate schedule will see a rate increase while sales rate schedules will see a rate decrease.
- **Rates Not Subject to Refund Rate Adjustment:** An overall increase in natural gas rates of 0.08% for the recovery of costs approved during a multiyear rate plan that are not subject to refund.

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

RESIDENTIAL NATURAL GAS SERVICE	Current Bill	Bill Effective Nov. 1, 2023
Basic Charge	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50
Energy—All therms	\$ 82.87	\$ 86.21
Total Bill at 64 therms per month	\$ 95.37	\$ 98.71

NATURAL GAS SCHEDULE	Current Average Rate per Therm	Average Rate per Therm Effective Nov. 1, 2023	Change
Residential—Schedules 23, 53	\$ 1.48879	\$ 1.54098	3.51% increase
Commercial & Industrial—Schedule 31	\$ 1.28158	\$ 1.32587	3.46% increase
Large Volume—Schedule 41	\$ 0.92788	\$ 0.95886	3.34% increase
Interruptible—Schedule 85	\$ 0.74722	\$ 0.80223	7.36% increase
Limited Interruptible—Schedule 86	\$ 0.82240	\$ 0.86883	5.65% increase
Non-exclusive Interruptible—Schedule 87	\$ 0.69265	\$ 0.71365	3.03% increase
Commercial & Industrial Transportation—Schedule 31T	\$ 0.70131	\$ 0.70131	0.00% increase
Large Volume Transportation—Schedule 41T	\$ 0.23250	\$ 0.23250	0.00% increase
Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 85T	\$ 0.12448	\$ 0.12448	0.00% increase
Limited Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 86T	\$ 0.20194	\$ 0.20194	0.00% increase
Non-exclusive Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 87T	\$ 0.05716	\$ 0.05716	0.00% increase
Exclusive Interruptible Transportation – Schedule 88T	\$ 0.02945	\$ 0.02945	0.00% increase
Gas Lighting—Schedule 16	\$ 1.39582	\$ 1.44801	3.74% increase
Special Contracts	\$ 0.05371	\$ 0.05371	0.00% increase

Note: The figures above represent averages by rate schedule including the basic charge. Individual customers will see a change that is greater or lesser than what is shown, depending on the amount of usage. During the UTC's consideration of these proposed rates, other rates may change due to pending or previously approved rate filings.

Bill assistance programs are available to qualified customers who need help with their energy bills. PSE customers can go to <http://www.pse.com> or call **1-888-225-5773** to learn if they are eligible. Payment plans are also available.

The UTC will review each filing 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. To comment to the UTC on PSE's requested rate changes: use the online comment form at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment>; email [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov); phone **1-888-333-9882**; or write to P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504-7250. Please include your name, mailing address, the name of the company (PSE), and docket number(s). If you have questions about the UTC's process, please contact the UTC using one of the above methods. UTC Staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at an Open Meeting. You will have an opportunity to provide your comments at this meeting either in person or remotely. If you intend to listen or participate remotely, call **360-664-1234** at least one business day before the Open Meeting for instructions and to sign in. You should also call this number if you plan to attend in person to verify that the docket has not been rescheduled to a later Open Meeting date. Open Meetings will be held at 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey WA 98503. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in the Open Meeting, please contact the Commission at **1-888-333-9882** or email [consumer@utc.wa.gov](mailto:consumer@utc.wa.gov).

The public is represented by the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Attorney General's office and can be reached by writing to Public Counsel, Assistant Attorney General, 800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98104-3188, or by emailing [utility@atg.wa.gov](mailto:utility@atg.wa.gov).

To contact PSE about these proposals: email [customercare@pse.com](mailto:customercare@pse.com); call **1-888-225-5773** (TTY: **1-800-962-9498**); or write to Puget Sound Energy, ATTN: Customer Care, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA, 98009-9734. Each of the proposed requests can be accessed at <https://www.pse.com/pages/rates/pending-utc-filings>.



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