

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220066 and
UG-220067 (*Consolidated*)

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL
PREHEARING CONFERENCE
**(Set for February 28, 2022, at
9:30 a.m.)**

- 1 On January 31, 2022, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective WN U-60 Tariff G, Electric Service. PSE characterizes its filing as a general rate case (GRC). Citing the recently enacted RCW 80.28.425,¹ the Company proposes a multiyear rate plan with performance measures for its base electric rates.
- 2 Specifically, PSE proposes a three-year rate plan for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025. In rate year one, PSE seeks to increase base electric rates by approximately \$310.5 million, or an average increase of approximately 13.59 percent across all customer classes. In rate year two, PSE seeks to increase base electric rates by approximately \$63 million, or an average increase of 2.47 percent across all customer classes. In rate year three, PSE seeks to increase base electric rates by approximately \$31.8 million, or an average increase of 1.22 percent across all customer classes. The Company plans to update its projection of rate year power costs during the course of this proceeding, which may increase or decrease the Company's electric revenue requirement.
- 3 Also on January 31, 2022, PSE filed revisions to its currently effective WN U-2 Tariff, Natural Gas Service. The Company proposes a similar three-year rate plan for its base natural gas rates.

¹ See Laws of 2021, ch. 288 § 2.

4 Specifically, in rate year one, PSE seeks to increase base natural gas rates by approximately \$143 million, or an average increase of 12.98 percent across all customer classes. In rate year two, the Company proposes to increase base natural gas rates by \$28.5 million, or an average increase of 2.29 percent across all customer classes. In rate year three, PSE would increase base natural gas rates by \$23.3 million, or an average increase of 1.83 percent across all customer classes

5 On February 10, 2022, the Commission entered Order 01, Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions; Order of Consolidation (Order 01). Order 01 consolidated Dockets UE-220066 and UG-220067 and suspended operation of the revised tariffs.

6 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over these matters under Title 80 RCW, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric and gas utilities. The statutes that apply to these matters include Chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW, and 80.28 RCW relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, RCW 80.28.020, RCW 80.28.030, RCW 80.28.070, RCW 80.28.090, and RCW 80.28.100. The rules that apply to these matters include those within Chapters 480-80 WAC, 480-90 WAC, and 480-100 WAC.

7 The Commission will hear these matters under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of Chapter 34.05 RCW relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to these proceedings include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in Chapter 480-07 WAC in these proceedings.

8 **PREHEARING CONFERENCE.** The purpose of prehearing conferences is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, identify the issues in the proceedings, and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matters, as listed in WAC 480-07-430. **Parties are encouraged to consult informally prior to the prehearing conference to develop a proposed schedule for the Commission's consideration, including the filing of an issues matrix.**

9 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. *See* WAC 480-07-440(1)(a) and RCW 34.05.434.

10 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a virtual prehearing conference in these matters at 9:30 a.m., on Monday, February 28, 2022. To participate by phone, call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Conference ID: 976 9919**

2277# and use the Passcode: 356321#. To attend via Zoom, use the following link:
[Click here to join the meeting.](#)

- 11 **INTERVENTION.** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the first prehearing conference, or by February 22, 2022. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Parties with more than one representative must identify one individual as the lead for official service purposes. Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.
- 12 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conferences set by this Notice, or any other stage of these proceedings, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**
- 13 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 14 The Attorney General has designated Lisa W. Gafken, Nina M. Suetake, and Ann Paisner from the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, to contact Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 15 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Michael Howard, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during these consolidated proceedings.²
- 16 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceedings in writing or on the record, as appropriate during these proceedings.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 14, 2022.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please provide the information requested below via email to Paige Doyle, paralegal, at paige.doyle@utc.wa.gov:

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