

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET UG-110442
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)	ORDER 01
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING
Connection with Tariff Revision)	TARIFF REVISION
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On March 8, 2011, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., (PSE or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a revision to the WN-U-2 Tariff, to submit Schedule 50, Emergency Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Service for vehicle fuel on short-term, emergency situations. On February 28, 2011, one of Pierce Transit’s compressed natural gas fueling stations in Lakewood, Washington exploded. This explosion has forced Pierce Transit’s buses to be fueled at remote locations. As an alternative, PSE has been working with Pierce Transit to offer firm sales service on an emergency basis under Schedule 50, Emergency Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Service so that Pierce Transit buses can be fueled at nearby PSE facilities at a comparable market price.
- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require thirty days’ notice to customers prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheet bears an effective date of April 8, 2011. This date recognizes the required 30-day statutory notice. However, the Company requests less than statutory notice as permitted by WAC 480-80-122, and that the revision become effective March 11, 2011. PSE requests less than statutory notice to offer the service to a qualifying customer under the proposed tariff. Though Schedule 50, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Service was discontinued in February 2008, PSE’s rate under the proposed schedule is based on the most recently filed cost of service study applicable to this schedule and comparable market prices. Because of the emergency nature of this service, specific provisions are included in Schedule 50, Emergency Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Service such that the service is only available through April 1, 2012 and can only be provided to customers whose own compressed natural gas facilities are not available due to acts of God, acts of the public enemy, wars, natural disasters or other similarly-caused disruptions of facilities.

3 Since the proposed tariff revision appears to be fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, and
less than statutory notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the
Commission grant PSE's request with an effective date of March 11, 2011.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the
State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates,
regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated
interests of public service companies, including gas companies. *RCW 80.01.040,*
RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.
- 5 (2) Puget Sound Energy is a gas company and a public service company subject to
Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) Puget Sound Energy is subject to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121, which
require gas companies to file changes in any rate or charges with thirty days'
notice. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may allow changes
without requiring thirty days notice by order specifying the changes to be made
and the time when it shall take effect. *RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-122.*
- 7 (4) Staff has reviewed PSE's request in Docket UG-110442 and recommends the
Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice.
- 8 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
March 10, 2011.
- 9 (6) After reviewing PSE's proposed tariff revision filed on March 8, 2011, and giving
due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the
Commission finds the proposed tariff revision should become effective March 11,
2011.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Puget Sound Energy's request for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 11 (2) The tariff revisions Puget Sound Energy filed on March 8, 2011, will be effective on March 11, 2011.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 10, 2011.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner