

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET UE-110821
)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	ORDER 01
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
Connection with Tariff Revisions)	STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING
.....)	TARIFF REVISION

BACKGROUND

- 1 On May 4, 2011, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a revision to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, designated as Ninetieth Revision of Sheet No. 81-a – Schedule 81, Tax Adjustment. The purpose of this filing is to incorporate the effect of a change to the municipal tax within the city of Wilkeson (City). The rate change imposed by the City ordinance is an increase to 6 percent from the current 5 percent city tax rate. The Company estimates the resulting annualized increase in gross revenues from electric operations and corresponding increase in taxes due to be \$2,945.
- 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 June 5, 2011. This date recognizes the required 30-day statutory notice. The Company requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted by [WAC 480-80-122](#), and that the revision becomes effective May 13, 2011. PSE requests less than statutory notice in order to allow the Company to implement this rate change as soon as possible.
- 3 [WAC 480-100-194](#) requires notice to customers or publication of the increase sought in this filing. Granting PSE’s less than statutory notice request also requires an exemption from [WAC 480-100-194](#). For the same reason PSE identified for seeking less than statutory notice, the Company seeks an exemption from the notice requirements. PSE proposes to notify customers immediately prior to or coincident with the date of its transmittal letter through the web, telephone and mail access.
- 4 The Company requested effective date of May 13, 2011, is no longer possible. The earliest possible effective date is May 27, 2011, which is the date immediately following

the Commissions next regularly scheduled open meeting.

- 5 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, however, with an effective date of May 27, 2011, rather than May 13, 2011, as requested by the Company.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (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 electric companies.
RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.
- 7 (2) PSE is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) PSE is subject to *RCW 80.28.060* and *WAC 480-80-121*, which require electric companies to file changes in any rate, charge or service 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 the Order shall take effect. *WAC 480-80-122.*
- 9 (4) Staff has reviewed PSE's request in Docket UE-110821 and recommends the Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice.
- 10 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 26, 2011.
- 11 (6) After reviewing PSE's proposed tariff revision filed on May 4, 2011, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed tariff revision should become effective May 13, 2011.

- 12 (7) After reviewing PSE's proposed tariff revision filed on May 4, 2011, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the requested date of May 13, 2011, is not possible. The Commission finds the proposed tariff revision shall become effective May 27, 2011.
- 13 (8) The Commission also finds PSE should be granted an exemption from the customer notice requirements.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 14 (1) Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s, request for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 15 (2) After the effective date of this Order, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., is granted an exemption from [WAC 480-100-194](#), which requires notice to customers of proposed changes to increase charges.
- 16 (3) The tariff revision Puget Sound Energy, Inc., filed on May 4, 2011, will be effective on May 27, 2011.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 26, 2011.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary