BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UE-140196 and UG-
TRANSPORTATION)	140197
COMMISSION,)	
)	
Complainant,)	ORDER 01
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v.)	
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY,)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
Respondent.)	REVISIONS
)	

BACKGROUND

On February 6, 2014, Puget Sound Energy, (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60 and WN U-2 for natural gas service, designated as follows:

WN U-60, Tariff G for electric service 16th Revision of Sheet No. 81-B – Schedule 81, Tax Adjustment (Continued)

WN U-2, for natural gas (NG) service

113th Revision of Sheet No. 101- NG Schedule No. 1, Tax Adjustment 147th Revision of Sheet No. 101-A – NG Schedule No. 1, Tax Adjustment (Continued)

22nd Revision of Sheet No. 101-B – NG Schedule No. 1, Tax Adjustment (Continued) 9th Revision of Sheet No. 101-C – NG Schedule No. 1, Tax Adjustment (Continued) 4th Revision of Sheet No. 101-D – NG Schedule No. 1, Tax Adjustment (Continued) Original Sheet No. 101-E – NG Schedule No. 1, Tax Adjustment (Continued)

The stated effective date is April 1, 2014. The purpose of these filings is to incorporate the effect of a recent municipal tax assessment made by the City of Renton.

In these filings, PSE would increase charges and rates for service by approximately \$398,682 or 0.46 percent for electric service and \$31,279 or 0.12 percent for natural gas service in the City of Renton.

DISCUSSION

PSE has not demonstrated that the proposed increases would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient. The Commission, therefore, suspends the tariff filings and will investigate the tariff filings and hold public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, and practices of public service companies, including electric and natural gas companies.
- 5 (2) PSE is an electric and natural gas company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 27, 2014.
- 7 (4) The tariff revisions PSE filed on February 6, 2014 would increase charges and rates for service provided by PSE in the City of Renton.
- 8 (5) PSE has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.
- 9 (6) The Commission should investigate the tariff filings to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.
- 10 (7) PSE bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The tariff revisions Puget Sound Energy filed on February 6, 2014, are suspended.
- 12 (2) The Commission will investigate the tariff revisions and hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 13 (3) Puget Sound Energy must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 27, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Commissioner