

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PUGET SOUND ENERGY CUSTOMERS ABOUT PROPOSED CHANGES IN RATES

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) recently filed requests with the state Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to adjust electric and natural gas rates. The requested changes, proposed to be effective on October 1, 2019, include:

- **Energy Exchange Credit** (listed on statement): An increase in electric rates for residential and small farm customers due to a decrease in the amount of the Energy Exchange Credit, based on agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration.
- **Low Income Program**: An overall increase in electric and natural gas rates to recover changes in costs for the low income bill-payment assistance program. PSE requested these changes through the existing low income assistance mechanism previously approved by the UTC. The mechanism allows PSE to periodically adjust its electric and natural gas rates to reflect changes in actual sales and costs. The proposed adjustments would be reflected in the Electricity charge listed on the electric statement and in the Delivery charge listed on the natural gas statement.

Effects on residential customers

The monthly bill effects of the rate changes for the typical residential electric and for the typical natural gas customer are shown in this chart. Individual rate schedules will see a greater or lesser decrease than what is shown, depending on the amount of usage. Most electric and all natural gas customers are billed monthly. Some electric customers are billed every other month.

Electric Service	Current Bill	Proposed Effective October 1, 2019
Basic Charge 1 Phase	\$7.49	\$7.49
Energy – First 600 kWh	\$50.53	\$50.72
Energy – Over 600 kWh	\$30.96	\$31.05
Total Bill at 900 kWh per month	\$88.98	\$89.26

Natural Gas Service	Current Bill	Proposed Effective October 1, 2019
Basic Charge	\$11.52	\$11.52
Energy – all therms	\$48.08	\$48.14
Total bill at 64 therms per month	\$59.60	\$59.66

Summary of requested rate increases

Electric Schedule	Type of Service	Current Average Rate per kWh	Proposed Average Rate per kWh	Percent Increase
7	Residential	\$0.100951	\$0.101266	0.31
24	Secondary Voltage (50kW or less)	\$0.103191	\$0.103283	0.09
25	Secondary Voltage (over 50 kW to 350 kW)	\$0.092289	\$0.092340	0.06
26	Secondary Voltage (over 350 kW)	\$0.086318	\$0.086391	0.08
29	Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping	\$0.073900	\$0.074165	0.36
31	Primary Voltage General	\$0.083793	\$0.083856	0.08
35	Primary Voltage Irrigation	\$0.053747	\$0.054184	0.81
43	Interruptible Total Electric Schools	\$0.090071	\$0.090113	0.05
40	Campus Rate	\$0.073974	\$0.073998	0.03
46	High Voltage Interruptible	\$0.069140	\$0.069194	0.08
49	High Voltage General Service	\$0.067883	\$0.067931	0.07
50-59	Lighting (Area & Street)	\$0.242825	\$0.243088	0.11
449, 459	Choice/Retail Wheeling	\$0.004940	\$0.004946	0.12

Natural Gas Schedule	Type of Service	Current Average Rate per Therm	Proposed Average Rate per Therm	Percent Increase
23, 53	Residential	\$0.99354	\$0.99436	0.08
31	Commercial & Industrial	\$0.79507	\$0.79572	0.08
41	Large Volume	\$0.57223	\$0.57267	0.08
85	Interruptible	\$0.40167	\$0.40181	0.03
86	Limited Interruptible	\$0.54686	\$0.54726	0.07
87	Non-exclusive Interruptible	\$0.33838	\$0.33844	0.02
31T	Commercial & Industrial Transportation	\$0.71070	\$0.71135	0.09
41T	Large Volume Transportation	\$0.23854	\$0.23898	0.18
85T	Interruptible Transportation	\$0.10170	\$0.10183	0.13
86T	Limited Interruptible Transportation	\$0.26680	\$0.26720	0.15
87T	Non-exclusive Interruptible Transportation	\$0.04091	\$0.04096	0.13
16	Gas Lighting	\$0.89814	\$0.89814	0.00
71, 72, 74	Rentals*	\$15.85	\$15.85	0.00

Note: The figures above represent averages by rate schedule including the basic charge. Natural gas transportation and electric choice/wheeling customers have rates that are significantly less than the average rates for other schedules because, in part, these customers receive only delivery or transportation services.

*This is an average rate per unit.

Public Comment

The UTC accepts comments on PSE's requested rate increase online at utc.wa.gov/comment; email comments@utc.wa.gov; phone **888-333-9882**; fax **360-664-4291** or in writing to 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA, 98053. 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. The UTC provides reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities; for accommodations, please email human_resources@utc.wa.gov or call **360-664-1132**.

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.

To contact PSE about these proposals: email customer@pse.com; call **888-225-5773** (TTY: **800-962-9498**); or write to Puget Sound Energy, ATTN: Customer Care, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA 98009-9734.