

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PUGET SOUND ENERGY CUSTOMERS ABOUT PROPOSED CHANGES IN ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS 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 May 1, 2020, include:

- **Conservation Program Charge** (as listed on bill): An overall increase in electric rates of 0.88% and an overall increase in natural gas rates of 0.36% to offset the costs of investments made in energy efficiency programs that are made available to customers.
- **Property Tax Adjustment:** An overall decrease in electric rates of 0.04% and an overall decrease in natural gas rates of 0.30% to pass through costs of PSE's property tax charges. The proposed changes would be reflected in the Electricity charge listed on the electric bill and in the Delivery charge listed on the natural gas bill.
- **Revenue Decoupling Adjustment:** An overall increase in electric rates of 0.22% and an overall decrease in natural gas rates of 0.50% under the decoupling mechanism previously approved by the UTC. The mechanism which allows PSE to periodically adjust rates up or down based on differences between actual and allowed revenue from the past year. The proposed changes would be reflected in the Electricity charge listed on the electric bill and in the Delivery charge listed on the natural gas bill.

Temporary one-year rate adjustments approved last year by the UTC will expire on April 30, 2020 and adjust the following rates on May 1, 2020:

- **Cost of Gas** (as listed on bill): Expiration of a surcharge will decrease gas rates by 5.46% overall. The temporary surcharge trued-up the difference between prior years' projected costs of natural gas in the wholesale market and the actual costs. PSE is not allowed to profit on the natural gas it purchases for customers.
- **Federal Tax Reform Credit:** Expiration of a credit will increase electric rates by 1.12% overall and increase gas rates by 1.07% overall. The temporary credit finalizes the return of taxes previously collected in 2018. The changes will be reflected in the Electricity charge listed on the electric bill and in the Delivery charge listed on the natural gas bill.

The overall average changes for electric and natural gas customers are as follows:

### EFFECTS ON TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

ELECTRIC SERVICE	Current Bill	Bill Effective May 1, 2020
Basic Charge—One Phase	\$7.49	\$7.49
Energy—First 600 kWh	\$50.66	\$51.86
Energy—Over 600 kWh	\$31.02	\$31.62
Total Bill at 900 kWh per month	\$89.17	\$90.97

  

NATURAL GAS SERVICE	Current Bill	Bill Effective May 1, 2020
Basic Charge	\$11.52	\$11.52
Energy—All therms	\$56.53	\$53.32
Total Bill at 64 therms per month	\$68.05	\$64.84

ELECTRIC SCHEDULE Type of Service	Current Average Rate per kWh	May 1, 2020 Average Rate per kWh	Percent Change
Residential—Schedule 7	\$0.101155	\$0.103162	1.98 increase
Secondary Voltage (50 kW or less)—Schedules 8, 24	\$0.102595	\$0.104408	1.77 increase
Secondary Voltage (over 50 kW to 350 kW)—Schedules 7A, 11, 25	\$0.091928	\$0.094324	2.61 increase
Secondary Voltage (over 350 kW)—Schedules 12, 26P, 26	\$0.086248	\$0.088147	2.20 increase
Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping—Schedule 29	\$0.073890	\$0.076077	2.96 increase
Primary Voltage General—Schedules 10, 31	\$0.083618	\$0.087021	4.07 increase
Primary Voltage Irrigation—Schedule 35	\$0.053657	\$0.055848	4.08 increase
Interruptible Total Electric Schools—Schedule 43	\$0.090110	\$0.092620	2.78 increase
Special Contracts/Campus Rate—Schedule 40	\$0.073455	\$0.072628	1.13 decrease
High Voltage Interruptible—Schedule 46	\$0.069194	\$0.070213	1.47 increase
High Voltage General—Schedule 49	\$0.067860	\$0.069310	2.14 increase
Lighting (Area & Street)—Schedules 50–59	\$0.243014	\$0.247608	1.89 increase
Choice/Retail Wheeling—Schedules 449/459	\$0.005317	\$0.005316	0.02 decrease
Special Contract	\$0.018422	\$0.019872	7.88 increase

NATURAL GAS SCHEDULE Type of Service	Current Average Rate per Therm	May 1, 2020 Average Rate per Therm	Percent Change
Residential—Schedules 23, 53	\$1.06352	\$1.01338	4.71 decrease
Commercial & Industrial—Schedule 31	\$0.90679	\$0.86665	4.43 decrease
Large Volume—Schedule 41	\$0.67152	\$0.61239	8.81 decrease
Interruptible—Schedule 85	\$0.52135	\$0.47167	9.53 decrease
Limited Interruptible—Schedule 86	\$0.64747	\$0.58839	9.13 decrease
Non-exclusive Interruptible—Schedule 87	\$0.45565	\$0.40504	11.11 decrease
Commercial & Industrial Transportation—Schedule 31T	\$0.70084	\$0.71133	1.50 increase
Large Volume Transportation—Schedule 41T	\$0.22290	\$0.21540	3.36 decrease
Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 85T	\$0.10407	\$0.10595	1.81 increase
Limited Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 86T	\$0.24792	\$0.23936	3.45 decrease
Non-exclusive Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 87T	\$0.04228	\$0.04323	2.25 increase
Gas Lighting—Schedule 16	\$1.02932	\$0.98641	4.17 decrease
Special Contracts	\$0.04579	\$0.04700	2.64 increase
Rentals—Schedules 71, 72	\$15.85	\$15.91	0.38 increase

Note: The figures above represent averages by rate schedule including the basic charge. Individual rate schedules will see a change that is greater or lesser 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. During the UTC's consideration of these proposed rates, other rates may change due to pending or previously approved rate filings.

The UTC will review each filing and has the authority to set final rates that may vary from PSE's requests, either higher or lower or structured differently, depending on the results of its review. To comment to the UTC on PSE's requested rate changes: use the online comment form at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/comment>; email [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov); phone 1-888-333-9882; or write to P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504-7250. Please include your name, mailing address, the name of the company (PSE), and electric and natural gas 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](mailto:human_resources@utc.wa.gov) or call 1-360-664-1132.

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