

# 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 Low Income Program rates. The requested changes are proposed to be effective on October 1, 2020.

An overall increase in electric and natural gas rates is requested 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 residential natural gas customer are shown in this chart. Individual customers will see a greater or lesser increase 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, 2020
Basic Charge 1 Phase	\$7.49	\$7.49
Energy—First 600 kWh	\$52.68	\$52.83
Energy—Over 600 kWh	\$32.02	\$32.10
Total Bill at 900 kWh per month	\$92.19	\$92.42

NATURAL GAS SERVICE	Current Bill	Proposed Effective October 1, 2020
Basic Charge	\$11.52	\$11.52
Energy—All therms	\$53.33	\$53.38
Total Bill at 64 therms per month	\$64.85	\$64.90

## Summary of Requested Rate Increases

Electric Schedule	Type of Service	Current Average Rate per kWh	Proposed Average Rate per kWh	Percent Increase
7	Residential	\$0.104532	\$0.106913	2.28
24, 8	Secondary Voltage (50 kW or less)	\$0.105573	\$0.107850	2.16
25, 11, 7A	Secondary Voltage (over 50 kW to 350 kW)	\$0.095421	\$0.097467	2.14
26, 12, 12P	Secondary Voltage (over 350 kW)	\$0.089348	\$0.091250	2.13
29	Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping	\$0.077029	\$0.078812	2.32
31, 10	Primary Voltage General	\$0.088100	\$0.089970	2.12
35	Primary Voltage Irrigation	\$0.056543	\$0.057928	2.45
43	Interruptible Total Electric Schools	\$0.093560	\$0.095544	2.12
40	Campus Rate	\$0.074176	\$0.075776	2.16
46	High Voltage Interruptible	\$0.070946	\$0.072476	2.16
49	High Voltage General Service	\$0.070354	\$0.071846	2.12
50-59	Lighting (Area & Street)	\$0.249239	\$0.254567	2.14
449, 459	Choice/Retail Wheeling	\$0.005317	\$0.005413	1.81
	Special Contract	\$0.019949	\$0.021178	6.16

Natural Gas Schedule	Type of Service	Current Average Rate per Therms	Proposed Average Rate per Therms	Percent Increase
23, 53	Residential	\$1.01332	\$1.01414	0.08
31	Commercial & Industrial	\$0.86684	\$0.86747	0.07
41	Large Volume	\$0.61366	\$0.61402	0.06
85	Interruptible	\$0.47551	\$0.47569	0.04
86	Limited Interruptible	\$0.59630	\$0.59667	0.06
87	Non-exclusive Interruptible	\$0.40513	\$0.40520	0.02
31T	Commercial & Industrial Transportation	\$0.71200	\$0.71263	0.09
41T	Large Volume Transportation	\$0.21537	\$0.21573	0.17
85T	Interruptible Transportation	\$0.10603	\$0.10619	0.15
86T	Limited Interruptible Transportation	\$0.23938	\$0.23975	0.15
87T	Non-exclusive Interruptible Transportation	\$0.04326	\$0.04332	0.13
16	Gas Lighting	\$0.98647	\$0.98647	0.00
71, 72	Rentals	\$15.92*	\$15.92*	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. Use the online form at [utc.wa.gov/comment](http://utc.wa.gov/comment); email [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov); phone 888-333-9882; fax 360-664-4291 or in writing to P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 9850. Please include your name, mailing address, the name of the company (PSE), and docket number(s) or a description of this filing. 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 accommodation, please email [human\\_resources@utc.wa.gov](mailto:human_resources@utc.wa.gov) or call 360-664-1132.

The public is represented by the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's office and can be reached by emailing [utility@atg.wa.gov](mailto:utility@atg.wa.gov).

To contact PSE about these proposals: email [customercare@pse.com](mailto:customercare@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.