

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-170033 and  
UG-170034 (*Consolidated*)

NOTICE OF PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE  
**(Set for February 13, 2017,  
at 9:30 a.m.)**

- 1 On January 13, 2017, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service in Docket UE-170033 and revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, Natural Gas Service in Docket UG-170034. The effect of these filings is to increase rates and charges for electric and natural gas service provided to customers in the state of Washington.
- 2 PSE requests authority to increase charges and rates for electric service by approximately \$149 billion, or 7.6 percent in billed rates, effective February 13, 2017. PSE also requests authority to increase rates for natural gas service by approximately \$23 million, or 2.8 percent in billed rates, effective February 13, 2017. The Commission suspended operation of the tariffs and consolidated the dockets for hearing by Order 01, entered on January 19, 2017.
- 3 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate public service companies, including electric and natural gas companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, and RCW 80.28, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, RCW 80.28.020, RCW 80.28.030, RCW 80.28.070, RCW 80.28.090, and RCW 80.28.100. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-07, WAC 480-90, and 480-100.
- 4 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW

34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 9:30 a.m., on February 13, 2017, in the Commission’s Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, identify the issues in the proceeding, and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

7 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, **but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene.** Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Parties with more than one representative must identify one individual as the “lead” for purposes of official service. Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

8 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

9 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 10 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Administrative Law Judge Dennis Moss, and Administrative Law Judge Rayne Pearson, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 11 The Attorney General has designated Lisa W. Gafken of the Public Counsel Unit to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling, using the address, email address, or telephone number listed below.

- 12 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 26, 2107.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Steven V. King, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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