

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of  
  
PUGET SOUND ENERGY,  
  
Petitioner,  
  
For Less Than Statutory Notice in  
Connection with Tariff Revisions

DOCKETS UE-190166 and UE-190176

ORDER 01

ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN  
STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING  
TARIFF REVISIONS

**BACKGROUND**

1 On March 8 and March 15, 2019, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, designated as:

- Schedule 120 Electricity Conservation Service Rider, Original Sheet No. 120-A.1;<sup>1</sup>
- Schedule 140 Property Tax Tracker, 6<sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 140-B;
- Schedule 141 Expedited Rate Filing Adjustment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 141-D;
- Schedule 142 Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Mechanism:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 142-E
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 142-F
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 142-G
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 142-H;
- Schedule 129 Low Income Program:
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 129-C
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 129-A.1.

The purpose of both filings is to effectuate the terms of the Microsoft Special Contract and prepare for Microsoft's anticipated migration from Schedule 40 on April 1, 2019, previously approved by Commission Order in a separate docket, UE-161123.<sup>2</sup>

2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require 30 days' notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheets filed in the captioned dockets bear effective

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<sup>1</sup> By letter filed March 14, 2019, PSE withdrew this sheet from its filing.

<sup>2</sup> *WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy*, Docket UE-161123, Order 06, Order Approving Settlement Agreement (July 13, 2017) (hereinafter Order 06).

dates of April 8 and April 15, 2019, *i.e.*, 30 days after the filings were made, respectively.<sup>3</sup> The Company requests less than statutory notice, however, as permitted by WAC 480-80-122, to allow the revisions to become effective April 1, 2019. PSE requests a shorter notice period to allow the Company to begin billing Microsoft once the Special Contract becomes effective on April 1, 2019. PSE states that posting of proposed tariff changes, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed through web, telephone, and mail access, in accordance with WAC 480-100-193.

### DISCUSSION

3 Order 06 contains provisions that both the Company and Microsoft must meet once Microsoft departs from Schedule 40 and begins taking service under its special contract with PSE. Commission staff (Staff) reviewed the provisions contained in Order 06 and confirms that they have been met or will be met after the conclusion of Microsoft's first month under its special contract. Staff's review reflects that the proposed tariff revisions are reasonable, and that less than statutory notice is consistent with the public interest and reflects the settlement terms reached by the parties and approved by Commission order in UE-161123.

4 Accordingly, the Commission grants PSE's request for request for less than statutory notice and allows the proposed tariff revisions contained in Dockets UE-190166 and UE-190176 to become effective April 1, 2019.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric companies.
- 6 (2) PSE is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) PSE is subject to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121, which require electric companies to file changes in any rate, charge, or service with 30 days' notice. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may allow changes without

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<sup>3</sup> PSE filed the tariff revisions in Docket UE-190166 on April 8 and the tariff revisions in Docket UE-190176 on April 15.

requiring 30 days' notice by order specifying the changes to be made and the time when the Order shall take effect. WAC 480-80-122.

8 (4) Staff has reviewed PSE's request in Dockets UE-190166 and UE-190176 and recommends that the Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice.

9 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 28, 2019.

10 (6) After reviewing PSE's proposed tariff revisions filed on March 8 and March 15, 2019, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed tariff revisions should become effective April 1, 2019.

### ORDER

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

11 (1) Puget Sound Energy's request for less than statutory notice is granted.

12 (2) The tariff revisions Puget Sound Energy filed on March 8 and March 15, 2019, will be effective on April 1, 2019.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 28, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner

JAY M. BALASBAS, Commissioner