

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PUGET SOUND ENERGY CUSTOMERS ABOUT 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, effective on October 1, 2023, include:

- Schedule 129 - Low Income Program:** An overall decrease in electric rates of 0.99% and an overall increase in natural gas rates of 0.16% is requested to recover changes in the costs for the low income bill assistance program. Based on the proposed rates, a typical residential electric customer using 800 kWh per month would see an average monthly decrease of \$1.00 and a typical residential natural gas customer using 64 therms per month would see an average monthly increase of \$0.15. 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 in the Electricity charge listed on the electric statement and in the Delivery charge listed on the natural gas statement.
- Schedule 129D - Bill Discount Rate Rider:** An overall increase in electric rates of 0.46% and an overall increase in natural gas rates of 1.06% to recover the costs for the Bill Discount Rate service available to low income customers beginning October 1, 2023. A typical residential electric customer using 800 kWh per month would see an average monthly increase of \$0.49 and a typical residential natural gas customer using 64 therms per month would see an average monthly increase of \$1.02. The proposed adjustments would be in the Electricity charge listed on the electric statement and in the Delivery charge listed on the natural gas statement.

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

## EFFECTS ON TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

ELECTRIC SERVICE	Current Bill	Bill Effective October 1, 2023
Basic Charge—One Phase	\$7.49	\$7.49
Energy—first 600 kWh	\$66.46	\$66.07
Energy—over 600 kWh	\$26.04	\$25.91
Total Bill at 800 kWh per month	\$99.99	\$99.47

  

NATURAL GAS SERVICE	Current Bill	Bill Effective October 1, 2023
Basic Charge	\$12.50	\$12.50
Energy—all therms	\$82.88	\$84.05
Total Bill at 64 therms per month	\$95.38	\$96.55

ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE Type of Service	Current Average	Average Eff. Oct. 1, 2023	
	Rate per kWh	Rate per kWh	Percent Change
Residential—Schedules 7, 307, 317, 327	\$0.127656	\$0.127004	0.98% increase
Secondary Voltage (50 kW or less)—Schedules 8, 24, 324	\$0.123908	\$0.123143	0.80% increase
Secondary Voltage (over 50 kW to 350 kW)—Schedules 7A, 11, 25	\$0.121094	\$0.120439	0.85% increase
Secondary Voltage (over 350 kW)—Schedules 12, 26P, 26	\$0.110573	\$0.109956	0.79% increase
Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping—Schedule 29	\$0.108479	\$0.108017	0.79% increase
Primary Voltage General—Schedules 10, 31	\$0.106816	\$0.106194	0.80% increase
Primary Voltage Irrigation—Schedule 35	\$0.084217	\$0.083858	1.48% increase
Interruptible Total Electric Schools—Schedule 43	\$0.109091	\$0.108385	0.72% increase
High Voltage Interruptible—Schedule 46	\$0.077383	\$0.076830	0.58% increase
High Voltage General—Schedule 49	\$0.082151	\$0.081662	0.55% increase
Lighting (Area & Street)—Schedules 50–59	\$0.321939	\$0.320975	1.30% increase
Choice/Retail Wheeling—Schedules 449-459	\$0.006413	\$0.006373	No Change
Special Contracts	\$0.019836	\$0.019901	No Change

NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULE Type of Service	Current Average	Average Eff. Oct. 1, 2023	
	Rate per Therm	Rate per Therm	Percent Change
Residential—Schedules 23, 53	\$1.48890	\$1.50720	1.23% increase
Commercial & Industrial—Schedule 31	\$1.28170	\$1.29745	1.23% increase
Large Volume—Schedule 41	\$0.93612	\$0.94386	0.83% increase
Interruptible—Schedule 85	\$0.74598	\$0.74970	0.50% increase
Limited Interruptible—Schedule 86	\$0.82238	\$0.82795	0.68% increase
Non-exclusive Interruptible—Schedule 87	\$0.69267	\$0.69418	0.22% increase
Commercial & Industrial Transportation—Schedule 31T	\$0.46609	\$0.48184	3.38% increase
Large Volume Transportation—Schedule 41T	\$0.23086	\$0.23860	3.35% increase
Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 85T	\$0.12448	\$0.12803	2.86% increase
Limited Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 86T	\$0.20713	\$0.21270	2.69% increase
Non-exclusive Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 87T	\$0.05716	\$0.05834	2.07% increase
Gas Lighting—Schedule 16	\$1.39593	\$1.39593	0.00%
Special Contracts	\$0.05371	\$0.05371	0.00%

Note: The figures above represent averages by rate schedule including the basic charge. Individual customers will see a change that is greater or lesser than what is shown, depending on the amount of usage. Most electric customers 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.

Bill assistance programs are available to qualified customers who need help with their energy bills. PSE customers can go to <http://www.pse.com> or call 1-888-225-5773 to learn if they are eligible. Payment plans are also available.

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/consumers/submit-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 docket(s) number. If you have questions about the UTC's process, please contact the UTC using one of the above methods. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in the Open Meeting, please contact the Commission at 1-888-333-9882 or email [consumer@utc.wa.gov](mailto:consumer@utc.wa.gov).

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](mailto:utility@atg.wa.gov).

To contact PSE about these proposals: email [customercare@pse.com](mailto:customercare@pse.com); call 1-888-225-5773 (TTY: 1-800-962-9498); or write to Puget Sound Energy, ATTN: Customer Care, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA, 98009-9734. Each of the proposed requests can be accessed at <https://www.pse.com/pages/rates/pending-utc-filings>.