

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-240004 and UG-  
240005 (*Consolidated*)

NOTICE OF PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE

**(Set for April 2, 2024,  
at 9:30 a.m.)**

- 1 On February 15, 2024, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective WN U-60 Tariff G for electric service. PSE characterizes its filing as a general rate case (GRC). Citing Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.28.425, the Company proposes a two-year multiyear rate plan for its base electric rates. The Company's proposed revised tariff sheets provide an effective date of March 16, 2024.
- 2 Specifically, PSE proposes a two-year rate plan for the years 2025 and 2026. In rate year one, PSE seeks a \$192.2 million increase in overall electric revenues. In rate year two, PSE proposes a \$285.2 million increase in overall electric revenues.
- 3 Also on February 15, 2024, PSE filed revisions to its currently effective WN U-2 Tariff for natural gas service. The Company proposes a similar, two-year rate plan for its base natural gas rates, with revised tariff sheets again providing an effective date of March 16, 2024.
- 4 Specifically, in rate year one, PSE proposes a \$196.0 million increase in overall natural gas revenue. In rate year two, the Company proposes a \$25.4 million increase to overall natural gas revenue.
- 5 On March 1, 2024 and again on March 4, 2024, PSE filed revised and supplemental testimony and exhibits following conversations with Commission staff (Staff).
- 6 The Commission suspended operation of the tariff revisions by Order 01, Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions; Order of Consolidation, entered on March 5, 2024.

Also on March 5, the Commission entered Order 02, Protective Order with Provisions Governing Highly Confidential Information, in this Docket.

7 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over these matters under Title 80 RCW, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric and gas utilities. The statutes that apply to these matters include Chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW, and 80.28 RCW relating to rates, 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 these matters include those within Chapters 480-80 WAC, 480-90 WAC, and 480-100 WAC.

8 The Commission will hear these matters under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of Chapter 34.05 RCW relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to these proceedings 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 Chapter 480-07 WAC in these proceedings.

9 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. *See* WAC 480-07-440(1)(a) and RCW 34.05.434.

10 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a virtual prehearing conference in this matter at 9:30 a.m., April 2, 2024. To attend via Zoom, please [click here to join meeting](#).<sup>1</sup> To attend by phone, please call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 897 8868 9672# and Passcode: 870691#.**

11 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.

12 **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). 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

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<sup>1</sup> <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/89788689672?pwd=O8PkXaohta9Wa8ANcEoNDRWt1a6a3j.1>

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.

13 **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.**

14 The contact information of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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15 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judges Michael Howard and Bijan Hughes, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.<sup>2</sup>

16 The Attorney General has designated Tad Robinson O'Neill, Corey Dahl, and Stephanie Chase from the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) 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 the address or telephone number listed below.

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<sup>2</sup> Judge Howard can be reached by email at [michael.howard@utc.wa.gov](mailto:michael.howard@utc.wa.gov) or by phone at (360) 664-1139. Judge Hughes can be reached by email at [bijan.hughes@utc.wa.gov](mailto:bijan.hughes@utc.wa.gov) or by phone at (360) 664-1254.

- 17 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 Lacey, Washington, and effective March 8, 2024.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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