

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PUGET SOUND ENERGY CUSTOMERS ABOUT PROPOSED CHANGES IN RATES

Puget Sound Energy recently filed requests with the state Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to adjust electric and natural gas rates. The requested changes, proposed to be effective on May 1, 2015, include:

- **Conservation Program Charge** (*listed on statement*): An increase in both electric and natural gas rates to offset the costs of investments made in energy efficiency programs that are made available to customers.
- **Property Tax Adjustment**: An increase in electric rates to pass through costs of PSE's property tax charges. The proposed increase would be reflected in the Electric Energy Charge listed on the electric statement. There is no change to the Delivery Charge listed on the natural gas statement.
- **Revenue Decoupling Adjustment**: An increase in electric and natural gas rates under the decoupling mechanism, which adjusts rates up or down based on allowed revenue and projected revenue for the year.
- **Jefferson PUD Sale Credit** (*listed on statement*): An electric-rate decrease to pass through the remaining share of the proceeds from PSE's sale of the electric system that previously served a portion of Jefferson County. Due to warm temperatures resulting in lower energy use in December 2014 when the credit first was applied to bills, PSE requests to pass through the remaining payout to customers based on electricity used May 1–31, 2015.

If approved by the UTC, the requests, excluding the Jefferson PUD sale credit, will increase electric rates by an overall average of 3.03 percent and natural gas rates by an overall average of 2.26 percent.

For the typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity per month, the proposed adjustments, excluding the Jefferson PUD sale credit, will result in an overall increase of \$3.75 per month.

The overall average increase for electric customers, excluding the Jefferson PUD sale credit, is as follows:

TYPE OF SERVICE—ELECTRIC SCHEDULE	PERCENT CHANGE
Residential Service (Schedule 7).....	3.36
Small General Service (Schedules 24 & 8).....	2.55
Medium General Service (Schedules 7A, 25 & 11).....	2.40
Large General Service (Schedules 26 & 12).....	1.73
Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping Service (Schedule 29).....	3.12
Primary Voltage General Service (Schedules 31 & 10).....	3.88
Primary Voltage Irrigation & Drainage Pumping (Schedule 35).....	4.05
Large General Service Greater Than 3 aMW (Schedule 40).....	4.38
Primary Voltage Interruptible Schools (Schedule 43).....	4.35
High Voltage Interruptible Service (Schedule 46).....	2.93
High Voltage General Service (Schedule 49).....	3.98
Lighting (Schedules 50–59).....	1.21

For the typical residential customer using 68 therms of natural gas per month, the proposed adjustments, will result in an overall increase of \$2.38 per month. The overall average increase for natural gas customers is as follows:

TYPE OF SERVICE—NATURAL GAS SCHEDULE	PERCENT CHANGE
Residential Service (Schedules 23 & 53).....	2.98
Lighting (Schedule 16).....	0.20
Commercial & Industrial (Schedule 31).....	0.89
Large Volume (Schedule 41).....	0.73
Large Volume Transportation (Schedule 41T).....	1.58
Interruptible with Firm Option (Schedules 85).....	0.29
Interruptible with Firm Option Transportation (Schedule 85T).....	-0.26
Limited Interruptible (Schedule 86).....	0.78
Limited Interruptible Transportation (Schedule 86T).....	0.90
Non-Exclusive Interruptible Gas Service (Schedule 87).....	0.33
Non-Exclusive Interruptible Gas Service Transportation (Schedule 87T).....	-0.26

PSE requested these changes through the existing Conservation Rider, Property Tax Tracker, and Decoupling Adjustment mechanisms previously approved by the UTC. The mechanisms allow PSE to periodically adjust its electric and natural gas rates to reflect changes in actual costs. The UTC 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.

Comments or questions on proposals: PSE customers may submit comments to the UTC about these proposals by using the online comment form at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/comment>; e-mailing to [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov); faxing to 360-664-4291; or mailing your comments to the UTC at: P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504. If you write, include your name and mailing address, the name of the company (PSE), and specify to which filing your comments pertain: Docket No. UE-150341 for electric conservation, Docket No. UG-150342 for natural gas conservation, Advice No. 2015-07 for Jefferson PUD sale credit, Advice No. 2015-05 for electric property tax, Advice No. 2015-06 for natural gas property tax, Advice No. 2015-08 for electric decoupling and Advice No. 2015-09 for natural gas decoupling. You may also ask questions of the UTC and request that the UTC notify you of the open meeting at which these proposals will be considered by the Commission. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the commission at (360) 664-1132 or [human\\_resources@utc.wa.gov](mailto:human_resources@utc.wa.gov).

The public is represented by the Public Counsel Section of the Washington State Attorney General's office. You can reach the Public Counsel Section by writing to Public Counsel, Assistant Attorney General, 800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98104-3188, or by e-mail at [utility@atg.wa.gov](mailto:utility@atg.wa.gov).

If you have questions or comments for PSE about these proposals, you may submit them by mailing, e-mailing or calling PSE at: Puget Sound Energy, ATTN: Customer Service, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA 98009-9734, by e-mail at [customer@pse.com](mailto:customer@pse.com) or by telephone at 1-888-225-5773. Additional information about the electric and natural gas filings is available at [www.pse.com](http://www.pse.com).