

**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

DOCKET UG-160444

ORDER 01

ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING
TARIFF REVISIONS

BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 27, 2016, Puget Sound Energy, (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a revision to its currently effective Tariff WN U-02, Schedule No.1, designated as 23rd Revision of Sheet No. 101-b. The city council of the City of SeaTac repealed by ordinance the municipal tax imposed on utilities reducing the rate to zero percent from six percent.
- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require thirty days’ notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheet bears an effective date of May 28, 2016. This date recognizes the required 30-day statutory notice. The Company requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted by WAC 480-80-122, and that the revision becomes effective April 29, 2016. PSE requests less than statutory notice because this allows PSE to cease billing the repealed tax as soon as possible.
- 3 Since the proposed tariff revisions appear to be fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, and less than statutory notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the Commission grant PSE’s request.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation 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 gas companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.

- 5 (2) PSE is a gas company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) PSE is subject to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121, which require gas companies to file changes in any rate or charges with thirty days' notice. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice by order specifying the changes to be made and the time when it shall take effect. RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-122.
- 7 (4) Staff has reviewed PSE's request in Docket UG-160444 and recommends the Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice. Staff further recommends the Commission grant an exemption from WAC 480-90-194.
- 8 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 28, 2016.
- 9 (6) After reviewing PSE's proposed tariff revision filed on April 27, 2016 and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed tariff revision should become effective April 29, 2016.
- 10 (7) The Commission also finds PSE should be granted an exemption from the customer notice requirements in WAC 480-90-194.

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 April 27, 2016 will be effective on April 29, 2016.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 28, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary