

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Requested Waiver)	
of Statutory Notice in Connection with)	
the Tariff Revisions Filed by)	DOCKET UE-011442
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Puget Sound Energy)	ORDER GRANTING LESS
)	THAN STATUTORY NOTICE
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 25, 2001 the Commission approved Puget Sound Energy's (PSE or Company) Conservation Incentive Credit of \$0.05 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for every kWh a customer saved beyond a 10% threshold. The Conservation Incentive Credit, Schedule 125, was filed and approved to run from May 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001. This program was filed and approved in conjunction with PSE's Time-of-Day pilot program in Docket UE-010409. In the companion Docket UE-010410, an accounting petition, PSE was required by Commission Order entered April 25, 2001, to book the CIC payment as a reduction to revenues.
- 2 On October 24, 2001, PSE filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, designated as First Revised Sheet No. 125-a and First Revised Sheet No. 125-b. The filing was docketed as UE-011442. The purpose of the filing was to reduce the Conservation Incentive Credit from \$.05 per kWh to \$.02 per kWh. On November 6, 2001, PSE filed substitute tariff sheets reducing the Conservation Incentive Credit to \$.00 per kWh.
- 3 WAC 480-80-070 requires thirty days' notice prior to the effective date of the tariffs. The substitute tariff sheets bear an inserted effective date of November 24, 2001. This date recognizes statutory notice as required. The Company requests, however, that statutory notice be waived as authorized in WAC 480-80-240, and that the revisions become effective November 8, 2001. PSE states that the federal price caps and the reduction in wholesale electricity markets undermine the financial viability of the Conservation Incentive Credit program, and therefore, eliminating the credit is warranted.
- 4 Since the proposed tariff revisions appear to be fair, just, and reasonable, and waiver of statutory notice is not inconsistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the Commission grant the waiver PSE requests with an effective date of November 8, 2001.

FINDINGS

- 5 (1) After careful examination of the proposed substitute tariff revisions filed by PSE on November 6, 2001, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that the proposed tariff revisions should become effective November 8, 2001.
- 6 (2) This matter was brought before the Commission at a recessed open meeting on November 7, 2001. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined this order to be consistent with the public interest hereby enter the following order.

ORDER

7 THE COMMISSION GRANTS the requested waiver of statutory notice in connection with the substitute tariff revisions filed by Puget Sound Energy on November 6, 2001, and the tariff revisions shall become effective on November 8, 2001.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 7th day of November, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner