

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET UE-060266
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
Complainant,	)	DOCKET UG-060267
	)	
v.	)	ORDER 01
	)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
Respondent.	)	AND ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On February 15, 2006, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., (PSE) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service, Advice No. 2006-02, and revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, Gas Service, Advice No. 2006-03 as listed in the appendix attached to this Order. The stated effective date of the proposed tariff revisions is March 18, 2006. The proposed revisions implement a general rate increase of \$148.8 million, or 9.21 percent for electric service and \$51.3 million, or 5.34 percent for gas service.
- 2     On February 15, 2006, PSE filed revisions to its electric tariff, per the Commission’s Order 04 in Docket UE-050870, involving the Company’s power cost only rate case. Order 04 provided that “PSE is authorized and required to file a general rate case by mid-February 2006 that, among other things, will result in a new or restated Power Cost Baseline Rate to be effective on January 1, 2007.”
- 3     The filings would increase charges and rates for service provided by PSE. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and PSE has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just, and reasonable, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings if necessary to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, and reasonable.
- 4     The foregoing matters appear to involve related facts and principles of law. It is appropriate that they be consolidated for hearing and determination pursuant to WAC 480-07-320.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 5 (1) PSE is an electric company and a gas company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (2) The tariff revisions filed by PSE on February 15, 2006, would increase charges and rates for service provided by PSE, and might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public.
- 7 (4) PSE has not demonstrated that the increased rates and charges in its tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, and reasonable.
- 8 (5) As required by RCW 80.04.130, PSE bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just, and reasonable.
- 9 (6) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 80.20.20, the Commission believes it necessary to investigate PSE 's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of PSE 's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of PSE 's operations. PSE may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are consistent or authorized by chapter 80.20 RCW.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The Commission authorizes filing of the electric tariff and gas tariff revisions that the Company presented to the Commission on February 15, 2006, in Dockets UE-060266 and UG-060267, which are accepted for filing as of the date received by the Commission.
- 11 (2) The tariff revisions filed on February 15, 2006, in these dockets are suspended.
- 12 (3) The matters are consolidated for hearing and determination pursuant to WAC 480-07-320.

- 13 (4) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 14 (5) PSE must not during the suspension period change or alter the tariffs affected by the revisions filed in this docket, unless authorized to do so by the Commission.
- 15 (6) The Commission will institute an investigation of PSE's books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations, as described above.
- 16 (7) PSE shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of chapter 80.20 RCW.
- 17 (8) As required by WAC 480-80-125, PSE must supply a notice to all affected customers in the form and manner specified in WAC 480-90-125.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 22, 2006.

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILLIP B. JONES, Commissioner

APPENDIX

**WN U-2, Natural Gas Service, Advice No. 2006-03:**

29 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 4	Index (Continued)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 40-A	Purchased Gas Adjustment Mechanism (Continued)
5 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 116-A	General Gas Lighting and Street Lighting Service (Optional) (Continued)
50 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 123	Residential General Service
45 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 131	Commercial and Industrial General Service
31 <sup>st</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 136-B	Special Commercial Heating Service (Optional) (Continued)
52 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 141	Large Volume High Load Factor Gas Service (Optional)
8 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 150	Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for Vehicle Fuel
7 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 151-A	Special Multiple Unit Housing Service (Optional) (Continued)
6 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 153-B	Propane Service (Continued)
9 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 157-B	Distribution System Transportation Svc (Firm & Interruptible) (Cont.)
11 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 157-C	Distribution System Transportation Svc (Firm & Interruptible) (Cont.)
19 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 171	Residential Water Heater Rental Service
14 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 174	Gas Conversion Burner Rental Service
13 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 185-C	Interruptible Gas Service with Firm Option (Continued)
14 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 185-D	Interruptible Gas Service with Firm Option (Continued)
13 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 186-C	Limited Interruptible Gas Service with Firm Option (Optional) (Cont.)
12 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 186-D	Limited Interruptible Gas Service with Firm Option (Optional) (Cont.)
14 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 187-D	Non-Exclusive Interruptible Gas Service w/ Firm Option (Cont.)
28 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 1101	Gas Cost Rates
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 1101-B	Gas Cost Rates (Continued)
31 <sup>st</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 1106	Deferred Account Adjustment
Original	Sheet No. 1118	Revenue Normalization Adjustment
Original	Sheet No. 1118-A	Revenue Normalization Adjustment (Continued)
Original	Sheet No. 1118-B	Revenue Normalization Adjustment (Continued)
Original	Sheet No. 1124	Depreciation Tracker
Original	Sheet No. 1124-A	Infrastructure Tracker (Continued)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 1129	Low Income Program
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 1129-A	Low Income Program (Continued)

**WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service, Advice No. 2006-02:**

32 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 2-a	Index to Rate Schedules (Continued)
27 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 7	Residential Service
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 7-b	Master Metered Residential Service (Continued)
25 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 24	General Service
14 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 25	Small Demand General Service
8 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 25-a	Small Demand General Service (Continued)
14 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 26	Large Demand General Service
21 <sup>st</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 29	Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping Service
26 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 31	Primary General Service
20 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 35	Seasonal Primary Irrigation & Drainage Pumping Service
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 40	Large Demand General Service Greater Than 3 aMW
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 40-a	Large Demand General Service Greater Than 3 aMW (Continued)
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 40-b	Large Demand General Service Greater Than 3 aMW (Continued)
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17 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 43-a	Interruptible Primary Service For Total-Electric Schools (Continued)
26 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 46	High Voltage Interruptible Service
8 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 46-a	High Voltage Interruptible Service (Continued)
25 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 49	High Voltage General Service
25 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 50	Limited Street Lighting Service
14 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 52-a	Custom Lighting Service Company Owned (Continued)
6 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 52-b	Custom Lighting Service Company Owned (Continued)
12 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 53-a	Street Lighting Service Sodium Vapor (Continued)
9 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 53-b	Street Lighting Service Sodium Vapor (Continued)
26 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 54	Customer-Owned Street Lighting Energy Service Sodium Vapor
25 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 55	Area Lighting Service
8 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 55-a	Area Lighting Service (Continued)
23 <sup>rd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 57	Continuous Lighting Service
21 <sup>st</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 58	Flood Lighting Service
9 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 58-a	Flood Lighting Service (Continued)
7 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 93	Voluntary Load Curtailment Rider
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 93-a	Voluntary Load Curtailment Rider (Continued)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 93-b	Voluntary Load Curtailment Rider (Continued)
Original	Sheet No. 102	Critical Peak Pricing Pilot
Original	Sheet No. 102-a	Critical Peak Pricing Pilot (Continued)
Original	Sheet No. 102-b	Critical Peak Pricing Pilot (Continued)
Original	Sheet No. 121	Electricity Conservation Incentive Mechanism
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Original	Sheet No. 124	Depreciation Tracker
Original	Sheet No. 124-a	Depreciation Tracker (Continued)
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129	Low Income Program
3 <sup>rd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129-a	Low Income Program (Continued)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129-b	Low Income Program (Continued)
7 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 449-i	Retail Wheeling Service