

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

Puget Sound Energy on Oct. 28, 2015, and on Nov. 18, 2015, 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 Jan 1, 2016, are included in the Other Charges & Credits amount listed on PSE bills:

- **Federal Incentive Tracker:** An annual true-up of the pass-through of federal income tax benefits derived from PSE's investments in the utility-owned and operated Wild Horse and Lower Snake River Wind Facilities. The filing requests to increase the credit, which will decrease electric rates for most customers but results in an increase in electric rates for some other customers.
- **Renewable Energy Credit:** Primarily due to a reduction in the level of Renewable Energy Credit net proceeds, PSE requests to lower the credit which will result in an increase in electric rates.
- **Merger Credit:** The Merger Credit, established in February 2009, will be increased, causing a decrease in electric and natural gas rates for most customers in 2016, however customers on Electric Schedules 8, 24, 449 and 459 along with customers with certain sizes of lights on Schedules 50 through 58 and customers on Natural Gas Schedules 41, 41T, 85, 85T, 86, and 86T will experience a small increase.

**NATURAL GAS RATES:** For households with natural gas service using a 12-month average of 68 therms per month, the effect of the adjusted Merger Credit will decrease a typical PSE monthly bill by 2 cents, or 0.03 percent.

**ELECTRIC RATES:** The combined effect of all three rate changes for the typical residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity per month will decrease a typical PSE monthly bill by 20 cents, or 0.2 percent in the monthly bill. The overall average decrease for electric customers is as follows:

Type of Schedule-Electric Service	Percent
Residential—Schedule 7 .....	0.21 decrease
Secondary Voltage General—Schedules 8 and 24 .....	0.02 increase
Secondary Voltage General—Schedules 7A, 11 and 25 .....	0.19 increase
Secondary Voltage General—Schedules 12 and 26 .....	0.18 increase
Secondary Voltage General—Schedule 29 .....	0.12 decrease
Outdoor Lighting—Schedules 50–59 .....	0.15 decrease
Primary Voltage General—Schedules 10 and 31 .....	0.20 decrease
Primary Voltage General—Schedule 35 .....	0.44 increase
Primary Voltage General—Schedule 43 .....	0.46 decrease
Campus Rate—Schedule 40 .....	0.51 decrease
High Voltage General—Schedule 46 .....	0.27 increase
High Voltage General—Schedule 49 .....	0.07 decrease
Choice/Retail Wheeling—Schedules 449, 459 .....	0.09 increase

Type of Schedule-Natural Gas Service	Percent
Residential—Schedule 23 .....	0.03 decrease
Commercial & Industrial—Schedule 31 .....	0.02 decrease
Commercial & Industrial Transportation—Schedule 31T .....	0.04 decrease
Large Volume—Schedule 41 .....	0.02 increase
Large Volume Transportation—Schedule 41T .....	0.04 increase
Interruptible—Schedule 85 .....	0.01 increase
Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 85T .....	0.04 increase
Limited Interruptible—Schedule 86 .....	0.06 increase
Limited Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 86T .....	0.09 increase
Non-exclusive Interruptible—Schedule 87 .....	0.02 decrease
Non-exclusive Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 87T .....	0.16 decrease
Gas Lighting—Schedule 16 .....	0.00
Special Contracts .....	0.09 decrease
Rentals—Schedules 71, 72 and 74 .....	0.05 decrease

The UTC will review each of these filings, and 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:** PSE customers may comment to the UTC on these proposed filings by: using the online comment form, at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/comment>; emailing 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, 98504-7250. If you write, include your name and mailing address, and the name of the company (PSE) and a description of the filings. You may also ask questions of the UTC and request notification of the open meeting at which these proposals will be considered by the commission. The UTC will provide reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need such accommodation, please contact the commission at (360) 664-1132 or [human\\_resources@utc.wa.gov](mailto:human_resources@utc.wa.gov).

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