

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
)	Docket UE-190129
PUGET SOUND ENERGY)	
)	
For an Order Authorizing Accounting Treatment of)	AMENDED PETITION OF
Costs of New Electric Services Related to Products)	PUGET SOUND ENERGY
<u>and Services for Electric Vehicle Charging</u>)	

I. INTRODUCTION

1 In accordance with WAC 480-100-203(3) and WAC 480-07-370(3), Puget Sound Energy
("PSE" or the "Company"), hereby petitions the Commission for an Order authorizing the
accounting and ratemaking treatment detailed in this petition related to costs the Company will
incur by offering new Electric Service for Electric Vehicle Charging ("Petition").

2 PSE is a combined electric and natural gas utility serving more than one million electric
customers and approximately 840,000 natural gas customers in Western Washington.

3 All correspondence related to this Petition should be directed as follows:

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4 Rules and statutes that may be brought at issue in this Petition include RCW 80.01.040,
RCW 80.28.020, and WAC 480-07-370(3)(b).

II. SUMMARY OF PETITION

5 PSE requests Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission")
approval to defer, for consideration for later recovery in rates, the costs incurred to offer

various products and services for electric service for electric vehicle (“EV”) charging and electric vehicle supply equipment (“EVSE”). All of these products and services are designed to meet the intent of the Commission’s Final Policy Statement¹ (“Policy Statement”) on EV charging services under the law of RCW 80.28.360 to promote EVSE on a state regulated basis, in order to accelerate EV adoption to serve multiple public policy purposes.

6 In response to and in support of these public policy purposes, PSE believes it is reasonable to recover the net costs associated with this new electric service from all electric customers through base rates on a timely basis, since the Commission recognized the public purpose for investor-owned utilities to pursue electrification of the transportation system. Therefore, the Company is requesting this deferral accounting petition in order to preserve the costs of the EV program so that the issue of cost recovery can be discussed in a future general rate case filed by the Company.

III. BACKGROUND

A. Summary of Commission Approved Electric Vehicle Charging Products and Services

7 The approved new electric services for PSE’s portfolio of EV and EVSE products and services under Docket UE-180877 are:

- **Schedule 551 – Electric Vehicle Non-Residential Charging Products and Services:** This schedule provides for non-residential charging products and services and sets rates associated with public charging.
- **Schedule 552 – Electric Vehicle Residential Charging Products and Services:** This schedule provides for single-family and multi-family residential charging products and services and allows PSE to provide incentive for changing the time of residential EV charging.

¹ Policy and Interpretive Statement Concerning Commission Regulation of Electric Vehicle Charging Services, Docket UE-160799.

- Schedule 553 – **Electric Vehicle Education and Outreach**: This schedule provides for PSE’s EV education and outreach programs.
- Schedule 554 – **Electric Vehicle Low Income Transportation Service**: This schedule provides for EV products and services targeted to low income customers.
- Schedule 583 – **Electric Vehicle Charging Products and Services**: This schedule sets the overall terms and conditions for transportation electrification products and services.

IV. PROPOSED ACCOUNTING TREATMENT

8 PSE requests an order authorizing the deferral of the net costs incurred for PSE to offer the
new electric service for EV charging under the approved electric tariff Schedules 551-554 and
583. PSE began offering this new electric service to customers on December 1, 2018, upon
approval of the EV service tariff schedules by the Commission. The costs to be deferred will
consist of:

- a. Return on rate base at PSE’s authorized rate of return;
- b. Depreciation expense;
- c. Operating costs as detailed in Attachment A to this petition; and
- d. Revenues received from Schedule 551

9 The deferral of net costs incurred by PSE would begin on March 1, 2019 which is the start of
the first calendar month after this petition was originally filed.

10 The Company proposes to accrue interest on the deferred balances associated with items
b through d in paragraph 8 above at the quarterly rate published by the Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission¹ until the rate effective date after the Commission decision is made
regarding the ability to defer and/or recover the deferral. PSE is not proposing to accrue
interest on the deferred return.

¹ <https://www.ferc.gov/enforcement/acct-matts/interest-rates.asp>

11 The Company requests to defer the costs in Account 182.3 – Other Deferred debits for consideration of future inclusion in rates. A summary of the accounting entries follows:

Summary of Accounting Entries

FERC Acct. No.	Account Description	Debit	Credit
Originating FERC a/c's	Originating FERC Descriptions	\$XXX	
131	Cash <i>To record payment of expenses and receipt of revenues associated with EV programs</i>		\$XXX
182.3	Other Regulatory Assets - net expense	\$XXX	
407.4	Regulatory Credits – Deferral		\$XXX
555	Power Costs		\$XXX
182.3	Other Regulatory Assets - return	\$XXX	
456	Other Operating Revenue <i>To record deferral of net EV program costs and return on EV rate base</i>		\$XXX
182.3	Other Regulatory Assets - net expense	\$XXX	
419	Interest and Dividend Income <i>To record deferral of carrying charges on EV net expense deferral (entry #1 above) at FERC rate</i>		\$XXX

12 Attachment B is a detail of the estimated net costs provided in Docket UE-180877.

V. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

13 PSE respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the deferred accounting treatment of the net costs and return incurred for PSE to offer the new electric service for EV charging and EVSE, as set forth in this Petition. The request for recovery of the deferred costs would occur through a future general rate case filed by the Company, as explained in this Petition.

DATED this 5th day of April, 2019.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
County of King)

Jon Piliaris, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says: That he is a Director, Regulatory Affairs, for PSE and makes this verification for and on behalf of said corporation, being thereto duly authorized;

That he has read the foregoing Petition, knows the contents thereof, and believes the same to be true.



Jon A. Piliaris

SIGNED AND SWORN to before me on this 5th day of April, 2019.





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My commission expires: 3-12-2020