

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET UE-130617
TRANSPORTATION	)	
COMMISSION,	)	ORDER 01
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,	)	
	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISION
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On April 25, 2013, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a revision to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, designated as the Schedule 95 “Power Cost Adjustment Clause” and as listed in the appendix attached to this Order. The stated effective date is May 26, 2013.
- 2     In this filing, PSE seeks to adjust the power cost baseline rate embedded in the Company’s electric rates. The Company’s filing would decrease charges and rates for service by approximately \$616,833 or 0.03 percent, which is approximately \$0.03 per month for the proposed base rate change. This power cost only rate case (PCORC) filing is authorized by the Settlement Stipulation approved by the Commission in Dockets UE-011570 and UG-011571.
- 3     The Commission finds that the filing would adjust charges and rates for service provided by PSE. Because these adjustments might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and because PSE has not demonstrated that these adjustments would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed adjustments are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

**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 rates,

regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric companies.

- 5 (2) PSE is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 9, 2013.
- 7 (4) The tariff revision PSE filed on April 25, 2013 would decrease charges and rates for service provided by PSE, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 8 (5) PSE has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revision would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 9 (6) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 80.04.130, the Commission believes it is 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.
- 10 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130(4), PSE bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed adjustments are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 11 (8) PSE may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 12 (1) The tariff revision Puget Sound Energy, Inc., filed on April 25, 2013 is suspended.
- 13 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.

- 14 (3) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
- 15 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described above.
- 16 (5) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 9, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Commissioner

**Appendix**

WN U-60, Tariff G – (Electric Tariff):

32 <sup>nd</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 95	Schedule 95 Power Cost Adjustment Clause
7 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 95-a	Power Cost Adjustment Clause (Continued)
9 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 95-b	Power Cost Adjustment Clause (Continued)
8 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 95-c	Power Cost Adjustment Clause (Continued)
Original Revision of Sheet No. 95-c.1	Power Cost Adjustment Clause (Continued)
Original Revision of Sheet No. 95-c.2	Power Cost Adjustment Clause (Continued)
7 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 95-d	Power Cost Adjustment Clause (Continued)
7 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 95-e	Power Cost Adjustment Clause (Continued)