

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET UE-081795
)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY,)	ORDER 01
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING
Connection with Tariff Revision)	TARIFF REVISION
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 1, 2008, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a revision to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, designated as Schedule 194, Residential and Farm Energy Exchange Benefit. A substitute sheet reducing the prior bill credit was submitted October 20, 2008. This filing reinstates the Residential Exchange Program of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). This program passes the benefits of the federal power system to the residential and small farm customers of the investor-owned utilities.
- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require thirty days’ notice to customers prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheet bears an effective date of November 1, 2008. This date recognizes the required 30-day statutory notice of the initial filing. The Company requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted by WAC 480-80-122 be granted for the substitute sheet filed October 20, 2008. The substitute sheet retains the effective date of November 1, 2008. PSE requests less than statutory notice to resume the credit to customer bills commensurate with the receipt of benefits from the BPA.
- 3 The tariff revision requested in this present docket reduces customer rates; therefore the Company may provide customer notice of the tariff revision by posting notice on the Company’s Web site and by providing information about the tariff revision by telephone and by mail in compliance with WAC 480-100-193 and -195(3).
- 4 The filing of a substitute sheet for Schedule 194 was necessary due to certain decisions and modifications made by the Bonneville Power Administration subsequent to the October 1, 2008 filing.

5 Since the proposed tariff revision appears to be fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, and
less than statutory notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the
Commission grant PSE's request.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the
State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates,
regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated
interests of public service companies, including electric companies.
*RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and
RCW 80.28.*
- 7 (2) PSE is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission
jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) PSE is subject to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121, which require electric
companies to file changes in any rate, charge or service with thirty days' notice.
For good cause shown, however, the Commission may allow changes without
requiring thirty days' notice by order specifying the changes to be made and the
time when the Order shall take effect. *WAC 480-80-122.*
- 9 (4) Under WAC 480-100-008, the Commission may grant an exemption from the
provisions of any rule in WAC 480-100, if consistent with the public interest, the
purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. *See also WAC 480-07-
110.*
- 10 (5) Staff has reviewed PSE's request in Docket UE-081795 and recommends the
Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice.
- 11 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
October 30, 2008.
- 12 (7) After reviewing PSE's proposed tariff revision filed on October 1, 2008, as
revised by the substitute sheet filed October 20, 2008, and giving due

consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed tariff revision should become effective November 1, 2008.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) Puget Sound Energy's request for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 14 (2) The tariff revision Puget Sound Energy filed on October 1, 2008, as revised by the substitute sheet filed October 20, 2008, will be effective on November 1, 2008.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 30, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner