

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET UG-100383
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
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For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
Connection with Tariff Revisions)	STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING
.....)	TARIFF REVISIONS

BACKGROUND

- 1 On March 4, 2010, 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-2, designated as Schedule 120, Natural Gas Conservation Service Tracker. The purpose of this filing is to implement changes to rates under the conservation tracker mechanism.

- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require a thirty day’s notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheet bears an effective date of April 4, 2010. This date recognizes the required 30-day statutory notice. The Company requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted by WAC 480-80-122, and that the revision becomes effective April 1, 2010. PSE requests less than statutory notice in order to adjust rates to its customers in a timely manner.

- 3 WAC 480-90-194 requires notice to customers of the revision sought in this filing. In accordance with WAC 480-90-194(3), PSE notified customers in the form of paid newspaper advertisements and posting to the PSE website.

- 4 The Company requests the rate increase to revise the Gas Conservation Service Tracker charges upward in order to reflect actual costs and collections over the past years for conservation programs.

- 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 with an effective date of April 1, 2010.

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 gas 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 a gas 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 gas companies to file changes in any rate or charges 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 it shall take effect. *RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-122.*
- 9 (4) Staff has reviewed PSE's request in Docket UG-100383 and recommends the Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice.
- 10 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 25, 2010.
- 11 (6) After reviewing PSE's proposed tariff revision filed on March 4, 2010, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed tariff revision should become effective April 1, 2010.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s request for less than statutory notice is granted.

- 13 (2) The tariff revisions Puget Sound Energy, Inc., filed on March 4, 2010, for WN U-2, designated as Schedule 120, Natural Gas Conservation Service Tracker, will be effective on April 1, 2010.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 25, 2010.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner