

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET NO. UE-051966
TRANSPORTATION	)	
COMMISSION,	)	ORDER NO. 01
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY,	)	
	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
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**BACKGROUND**

1 On December 19, 2005, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or the Company) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, Tariff G, designated as:

2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 80-a	4 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 80-b	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 80-c
4 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 80-c	7 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85	7 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-a
8 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-b	8 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-c	8 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-d
8 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-e	8 <sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-f	1 <sup>st</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-g
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-h	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-i	1 <sup>st</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-j
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-k	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-l	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-m
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 85-n	Original Sheet No. 85-o	

2 The stated effective date is January 19, 2006. The filing clarifies the responsibilities regarding the installation, ownership, maintenance and replacement of service lines to non-residential customers, including service lines to multi-family residential structures and service lines within mobile home parks.

- 3 The filing raised a number of PSE service issues addressing engineering, ratemaking, and customer/utility responsibility. Because these issues might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and PSE has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just and reasonable, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings if necessary to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just and reasonable.
- 4 The Company requested the commission consider consolidating the proposed revisions to its tariff with the formal complaint filed by Western Village, LLC against PSE in Docket UE-051828.

#### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (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, and transfers of public service companies, including electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW; and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*
- 6 (2) PSE is an electric company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 7 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 11, 2006.
- 8 (4) The tariff revisions filed by PSE on December 19, 2006, would increase charges and rates for service provided by PSE, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.

- 9 (5) PSE has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just and reasonable.
- 10 (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.
- 11 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130 (4), PSE bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just and reasonable.
- 12 (8) PSE may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80.20 RCW.
- 13 (9) PSE submitted the proposed tariff revisions in response to a formal complaint and petition for declaratory order that is currently pending before the commission in Docket UE-051828.

### ORDER

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 14 (1) The tariff revisions filed on December 19, 2005, are suspended.
- 15 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.

- 16 (3) Puget Sound Energy must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
- 17 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Puget Sound Energy's books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described above.
- 18 (5) Puget Sound Energy shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80.20 RCW.
- 19 (6) The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, decreed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary