



November 6, 2002

Ms. Carole J. Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: Advice No. 2002-26 - Electric Tariff Filing

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-101 and WAC 480-80-105, enclosed are an original and three copies of the following proposed tariff sheets:

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

Third Revised Sheet No. 307 - Time of Day Rate – Residential Service
First Revised Sheet No. 308 - Senior Low Income Time of Day Discount Rate – Residential Service
First Revised Sheet No. 309 - Low Income Time Of Day Discount Rate – Residential Service
Second Revised Sheet No. 324 -Time of Day Rate – General Service

The purpose of this filing is to accelerate the termination date for the Company's Time of Use (TOU) rates, so that the current TOU pilot program will essentially end immediately rather than in September 2003. This change is being requested due to information that has developed since the Commission issued its Twelfth Supplemental Order dated June 20, 2002 in Puget Sound Energy's ("PSE") recent rate case, consolidated Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UG-011571 ("Twelfth Supplemental Order"). In particular, PSE has recently determined that due to additional costs imposed on customers taking service under TOU tariff schedules 307, 308, 309 and 324 as of July 1, 2002, ninety-four percent (94%) of customers taking service under these schedules have had higher electric bills than they would have had if they were taking service under the equivalent non-TOU tariff schedule. The change being requested by this filing is to change the termination date from September 30, 2003, to November 18, 2002. Please note that pursuant to WAC 480-80-122, we have inserted in the tariff sheets a termination date of December 7, 2002, for the term of the TOU program, but are requesting a termination date of November 18, 2002, and a tariff effective date of November 16, 2002, as described in greater detail below.

Because these proposed tariff sheet revisions depart from the termination date for the TOU program set forth in the Twelfth Supplemental Order, the Company is filing herewith an Application for Amendment of Rate Case Order Provisions Regarding Time-Of-Use (TOU)

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Rates and Approving Refund ("Application"). PSE respectfully requests that the Commission consider this filing in conjunction with PSE's Application, and rule on both matters by November 15, 2002, or as soon thereafter as possible.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of November 6, 2002, and an effective date of December 7, 2002. PSE respectfully requests through this filing and in its Application that the Commission approve the proposed revisions on less than statutory notice pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-122, and allow this filing to become effective on November 16, 2002, with a termination date for the TOU program of November 18, 2002, because the earlier termination date will reduce the bills of most of the customers who are currently taking service under the TOU tariff schedules. PSE also requests that the Commission exempt the proposed revisions from the notice requirements of WAC 480-100-194, pursuant to WAC 480-100-008, because such exemption is consistent with the public interest, the purposes of the underlying regulation, and applicable statutes. PSE proposes to provide initial notice to customers of the termination of the TOU schedules through inserting a printed message on bills sent out after the Commission's approval of the termination. PSE plans to follow this initial notice with a letter of explanation to customers removed from TOU schedules.

PSE is also providing a copy of this filing and its Application to the parties to consolidated Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UG-011571.

Please contact me by telephone at (425) 462-3272, by fax at (425) 462-3414 or by e-mail at george.pohndorf@pse.com if you have any questions about this filing.

Very truly yours,

George Pohndorf
Director, Rates and Regulation

Enclosures

cc: Kirstin S. Dodge
Service List for UE-011570 and UG-011571



November 8, 2002

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
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RE: Docket No. UE-021447 (Advice No. 2002-26)
Substitute Filing – **Do Not Redocket**

Dear Ms. Washburn;

Enclosed please find a substitute filing including cover letter and all tariff sheets as a replacement for the filing made on November 6, 2002, which was made under our Advice No. 2002-26 and assigned Docket No. UE-021447. The tariff sheets originally filed in this docket reflected revised termination dates for the TOU program of November 18, 2002. Following discussions with Commission Staff, the termination date set forth on the proposed tariff sheets has been revised to December 7, 2002, to coincide with the effective date of the tariff sheets. As in the original filing, Puget Sound Energy (“the Company”) is still requesting that this filing be approved with less than statutory notice with a requested effective date of November 16, 2002, and that a termination date for the term of the TOU program of November 18, 2002, be approved. The cover letter has been revised to reflect and further explain these changes, which the company and Commission staff discussed and the company agreed to make to address the Staff’s concerns with the filing. The company has also corrected a typographical error in the original cover letter, which incorrectly referred to a termination date of November 18, 2003, rather than 2002. In addition, rather than using the billing inserts referred to in the original cover letter customers will initially be notified of the change by a bill print message which will be a more timely method of notification. This initial notice is planned to be followed up by a letter of explanation to the affected customers.

As with the original filing, the company will provide a courtesy copy of this revised filing to the parties on the service list in Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UG-011571.

If you have any questions regarding this substitution please contact Lynn Logen at (425) 462-3872. If you have other questions I can be reached at (425) 456-2797.

Very truly yours,

Karl R. Karzmar
Manager, Revenue Requirements

Enclosure
cc: Simon J. ffitc
Kirstin Dodge

PUGET SOUND ENERGY
Electric Tariff G

SCHEDULE 307
TIME OF DAY RATE
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE
(Single phase or three phase where available)

AVAILABILITY:

This schedule is available and applies to Customers eligible to receive Electric Service under Schedule No. 7, provided that the Company determines, to its satisfaction, that metering equipment adequate to implement this schedule is available for the Customer. Customers may revert to Schedule No. 7 upon notification by telephone or in writing received by the Company prior to billing and effective with all consumption during the billing period for which notification is received. Customers on Schedule No. 307 shall automatically revert to Schedule No. 7, effective on the Customer's designated meter read date just prior to the end of the term of this schedule.

APPLICABILITY:

Except as otherwise provided by this schedule, Electric Service under the schedule shall be available on the terms and conditions set forth in Schedule No. 7.

TERM:

This schedule shall terminate upon earlier of: (i) December 7, 2002; or (ii) at an earlier date if approved and ordered by the Commission. (C)
(C)


MONTHLY RATE:

Basic Charge: \$6.50 single phase or \$14.60 three phase

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By:  George Pohndorf **Title:** Director, Rates & Regulation

PUGET SOUND ENERGY
Electric Tariff G

SCHEDULE 308
SENIOR LOW INCOME TIME OF DAY DISCOUNT RATE
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

(Single phase or three phase where available)

AVAILABILITY:

This schedule is intended to complement Schedule 129, and is available to senior citizen Customers age 65 and older who have met the provisions of Income Eligibility Criteria in Schedule 129 as determined by Agencies as defined in Schedule 129. This schedule is available and applies to Customers eligible to receive Electric Service under Schedule 7, provided that the Company determines, to its satisfaction, that metering equipment adequate to implement this schedule is available for the Customer. The number of customers eligible to participate in Schedules 308 and 309 is limited to a total of 200 Customers for both Schedules. Customers may revert to Schedule 7 upon notification by telephone or in writing received by the Company prior to billing and effective with all consumption during the billing period for which notification is received.

APPLICABILITY:

Except as otherwise provided by this schedule, Electric Service under the schedule shall be available on the terms and conditions set forth in Schedule 7.

TERM:

This schedule shall terminate upon earlier of: (i) December 7, 2002; or (ii) at an earlier date if approved and ordered by the Commission.

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MONTHLY RATE:

Basic Charge: \$6.50 single phase or \$14.60 three phase

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Electric Tariff G

SCHEDULE 309
LOW INCOME TIME OF DAY DISCOUNT RATE
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE
(Single phase or three phase where available)

AVAILABILITY:

This schedule is intended to complement Schedule 129, and is available to Customers who have met the provisions of Income Eligibility Criteria in Schedule 129 as determined by Agencies as defined in Schedule 129. This schedule is available and applies to Customers eligible to receive Electric Service under Schedule 7, provided that the Company determines, to its satisfaction, that metering equipment adequate to implement this schedule is available for the Customer. The number of customers eligible to participate in Schedules 308 and 309 is limited to a total of 200 Customers for both Schedules. Customers may revert to Schedule 7 upon notification by telephone or in writing received by the Company prior to billing and effective with all consumption during the billing period for which notification is received. Customers are limited to service under this schedule for twelve (12) consecutive months subject to annual Eligibility Criteria determination.

APPLICABILITY:

Except as otherwise provided by this schedule, Electric Service under the schedule shall be available on the terms and conditions set forth in Schedule 7.

TERM:

This schedule shall terminate upon earlier of: (i) December 7, 2002; or (ii) at an earlier date if approved and ordered by the Commission.

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MONTHLY RATE:

Basic Charge: \$6.50 single phase or \$14.60 three phase

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SCHEDULE 324
TIME OF DAY RATE
GENERAL SERVICE

(Secondary Voltage)

(Single phase or three phase where available)

(Demand of 50 kW or less)

AVAILABILITY:

This schedule is available and applies to Customers eligible to receive Electric Service under Schedule No. 24, provided that the Company determines, to its satisfaction, that metering equipment adequate to implement this schedule is available for the Customer. Customers may revert to Schedule No. 24 upon notification by telephone or in writing received by the Company prior to billing and effective with all consumption during the billing period for which notification is received. Customers on Schedule No. 324 shall automatically revert to Schedule No. 24, effective on the Customer's designated meter read date just prior to the end of the term of this schedule.

APPLICABILITY:

Except as otherwise provided by this schedule, Electric Service under the schedule shall be available on the terms and conditions set forth in Schedule No. 24.

TERM:

This schedule shall terminate upon earlier of: (i) December 7, 2002; or (ii) at an earlier date if approved and ordered by the Commission.

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MONTHLY RATE:

Basic Customer Charge: \$6.50 single phase or \$14.60 three phase

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