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Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
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**Re: Advice No. 2024-08  
PSE's Electric Tariff Filing**

Dear Executive Director Killip:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060, and WAC 480-80-101 and -105, please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revisions to the WN U-60, tariff for electric service of Puget Sound Energy ("PSE"):

**25<sup>th</sup> Revision Sheet No. 81-B      Schedule 81 Tax Adjustment (Continued)**

The purpose of this filing is to update Schedule 81 Tax Adjustment to reflect the City of Puyallup's January 1, 2024 increase of Puyallup city tax on the gross revenues of electric utilities from 3.2 percent to 4.2 percent per Puyallup Ordinance 3262 codified as Puyallup Municipal Code section 5.08.030(1).

Per Schedule 81, Section 2, Tax Adjustment, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission allows PSE to increase the amount PSE charges its customers to recover the cost of a municipal utility tax levy and the additional expenses associated with collection of the municipal utility tax. The effect of a municipal utility tax rate as shown in Schedule 81 reflects both the municipal utility tax levy rate and the associated adjustments. PSE does not profit from passing through the Puyallup city tax and the grossed-up adjustments.

PSE incurs additional taxes and expenses as a result of the collection of a municipal utility tax. With each increase in gross revenue, additional tax and fee amounts become payable. Therefore, the effect of the tax rate in a municipal utility tax ordinance needs to be grossed up to reflect Washington State Public Utility Tax of 3.8734 percent per RCW 82.16 and Washington State Regulatory Fee of 0.40% per RCW 80.24.010, and additional bad debt expenses of 0.07197 percent as updated in PSE's 2022 generate rate case proceeding under the consolidated Dockets UE-220066, UG-220067, and UG-210918. A work paper detailing the recovery of additional

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taxes, fees and expenses associated with the collection of the municipal utility tax, is also enclosed.

With these aforementioned adjustments, this filing proposes to update the current Puyallup effective tax rate from 3.348 percent to the rate of 4.396 percent. The overall customer bill impact for the electric customers in the City of Puyallup, regardless of income-level or usage-level, would be an average increase of 1.014 percent. A residential electric customer, using an average of 800 kWh per month would see an average monthly increase of \$1.15.

City	Average No. of Electric Customers	Current Effective Rate	Proposed Effective Rate	Change	2/2023 - 1/2024 Electric Revenue Before City Tax	Estimated Annual Change
Puyallup	20,427	3.348%	4.396%	1.048%	\$51,772,266.36	\$542,573.35

Bill assistance programs such as PSE's Bill Discount Rate, PSE Home Energy Lifeline Program, the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and the Salvation Army Warm Home Fund are available to qualified customers who need help with their energy bills. PSE customers can go to [pse.com](http://pse.com) or call 1-888-225-5773 to learn if they are eligible. Payment plans are also available.

The tariff sheet described herein reflect issue dates of March 15, 2024, and effective dates of April 14, 2024. Posting of the proposed tariff change for public inspection and review, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed in accordance with WAC 480-100-193(1). Notice to the public under the provisions of WAC 480-100-194 will be provided within 30 days of the April 14, 2024, effective date.

Please contact Mei Cass at (425) 462-3800 or [mei.cass@pse.com](mailto:mei.cass@pse.com) for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at [birud.jhaveri@pse.com](mailto:birud.jhaveri@pse.com).

Sincerely,

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Attachments:  
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Work Paper