

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PUGET SOUND ENERGY CUSTOMERS ABOUT ANNUAL CHANGES IN NATURAL GAS COMMODITY RATES & TARIFF SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR TRANSPORTATION-ONLY CUSTOMERS

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) recently filed requests with the state Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to make its annual adjustment to natural gas commodity rates and change rate schedules for transportation-only customers. The requested changes, effective on November 1, 2024, include:

Natural Gas Supplemental Schedules 101 Gas Cost Rates & 106 Deferred Account Adjustment — Purchased Gas Adjustment:

PSE has made its annual request to change natural gas commodity rates under the purchased gas adjustment mechanism (PGA), which allows utilities to adjust rates, up or down, to reflect fluctuations in the wholesale natural gas market. The PGA has two components, 1) a projection of the average cost of natural gas supplies over the next year which is reflected in Schedule 101 rates, and 2) a true-up of the difference between prior years' projected costs and actual costs which is reflected in Schedule 106 rates. For the upcoming year, projected natural gas costs, which include a combination of short- and longer-term wholesale purchases, are anticipated to be slightly less than current rates. However, the true-up component of the PGA will result in a rate increase due to the expiration of large rate credits. These credits adjusted for lower wholesale natural gas prices in 2022-23 than were projected.

The net effect of the two PGA components, or Schedule 101 and 106 rates, will result in an overall average rate increase of 10.6 percent. The cost of natural gas is reflected on customers' monthly bills as "Gas Cost." PSE does not profit from the natural gas it purchases for customers.

Natural Gas Supplemental Schedule 138 Voluntary Renewable Natural Gas Service — Purchase Rider:

Due to the increased costs of providing renewable natural gas (RNG), PSE has requested the following changes to a single \$5 block of RNG, 1) a decrease of 0.325 therms of RNG, and 2) a decrease of \$0.13338 in the Conventional Gas Credit.

Natural Gas Schedule 31T Distribution System Transportation Service (Firm-Commercial and Industrial):

PSE has proposed that service under Schedule 31T be restricted to customers currently being served. The schedule provides small load commercial and industrial customers the option to purchase their own natural gas in the market place. Also affected would be Schedule 41T Distribution System Transportation Service (Firm-Large Volume High Load Factor) customers who would no longer have the option to move to Schedule 31T if their usage drops below 12,000 therms for any 12-month period. Instead they would transition from transportation service to sales service under Schedule 31 Commercial and Industrial General Service.

The overall average changes for natural gas customers are as follows:

EFFECTS ON TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

NATURAL GAS SERVICE	Current Bill	Bill Effective Nov. 1, 2024
Basic Charge	\$12.50	\$12.50
Energy — All therms	\$78.61	\$87.58
Total Bill at 64 therms per month	\$91.11	\$100.08

NATURAL GAS SCHEDULE	Current Average Rate per Therm	Average Effective Nov. 1, 2024 Rate per Therm	Change
Residential — Schedules 23, 53	\$1.37829	\$1.51840	10.17% increase
Commercial & Industrial — Schedule 31	\$1.23102	\$1.36972	11.27% increase
Large Volume — Schedule 41	\$0.84352	\$0.97549	15.65% increase
Interruptible — Schedule 85	\$0.62401	\$0.75132	20.40% increase
Limited Interruptible — Schedule 86	\$0.73247	\$0.86243	17.74% increase
Non-exclusive Interruptible — Schedule 87	\$0.44995	\$0.57645	28.11% increase
Commercial & Industrial Transportation — Schedule 31T	\$1.23102	\$1.23102	No Change
Large Volume Transportation — Schedule 41T	\$0.39245	\$0.39245	No Change
Interruptible Transportation — Schedule 85T	\$0.25188	\$0.25188	No Change
Limited Interruptible Transportation — Schedule 86T	\$0.34113	\$0.34113	No Change
Non-exclusive Interruptible Transportation — Schedule 87T	\$0.07194	\$0.07194	No Change
Exclusive Interruptible Transportation — Schedule 88T	\$0.13923	\$0.13923	No Change
Gas Lighting — Schedule 16	\$1.27897	\$1.41908	10.95% increase
Special Contracts	\$0.09543	\$0.09543	No Change

Note: The figures above represent averages by rate schedule including the basic charge. Individual customers will see a change that is greater or lesser than what is shown, depending on the amount of usage and participation in optional services or bill assistance programs. All natural gas customers are billed monthly. During the UTC's consideration of these proposed rates, other rates may change due to pending or previously approved rate filings.

To contact PSE about these proposals: email customercare@pse.com; call **1-888-225-5773** (TTY: **1-800-962-9498**); or write to Puget Sound Energy, ATTN: Customer Care, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA, 98009-9734. Each of the proposed requests can be accessed at <https://www.pse.com/pages/rates/pending-utc-filings>. Bill assistance programs are available to qualified customers who need help with their energy bills. PSE customers can go to <http://www.pse.com/assistance> or call **1-888-225-5773** to learn if they are eligible. Payment plans are also available.

The UTC will review each filing and has the authority to set final rates that may vary from PSE's requests, either higher or lower or structured differently, depending on the results of its review. To comment to the UTC on PSE's requested rate changes: use the online comment form at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment>; email comments@utc.wa.gov; phone **1-888-333-9882**; or write to P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504-7250. Please include your name, mailing address, the name of the company (PSE), and docket(s) number. If you have questions about the UTC's process, please contact the UTC using one of the above methods. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in the Open Meeting, please contact the Commission at **1-888-333-9882** or email consumer@utc.wa.gov.

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