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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Requested)	
Waiver of Statutory Notice in)	Docket No. UG-920840
Connection with the Petition)	
Filed by PUGET SOUND ENERGY)	ORDER REJECTING
)	TARIFF SHEETS
)	AND ACCEPTING
)	COMPLIANCE FILING
)	
)	Docket No. UG-980442
)	
)	ORDER VACATING
)	TARIFF SUSPENSION
.....)	

In Docket No. UG-920840, the Commission directed Washington Natural Gas Company, PSE's predecessor in providing natural gas service, to increase its rates for water heater rentals to a compensatory level. The Company complied with a filing providing for staged increases to avoid rate shock to existing customers.

Before the last tier of the increases became effective, the Company filed a petition in Docket No. UG-980442, asking that the increase be suspended. The Commission responded with an order entered March 25, 1998, granting the request to suspend a portion of the tariff sheet designated as Third Revision Sheet No. 171-A.

Now the Company asks the Commission to lift the suspension. It simultaneously files new tariff sheets, showing rates identical with the suspended sheets.¹

ORDER

The Commission vacates the order of March 25, 1998, suspending the final tier of the water heater rate, as of midnight on December 31, 1999. The Commission rejects the previously filed tariff pages that were subject to the suspension order. The Commission accepts the newly filed tariff pages at the rates found acceptable in Docket No. UG-920840, to become effective on January 1, 2000.

¹Presumably when the suspension is lifted, the rates under suspension will become effective. For administrative convenience, however, as the newly filed tariff sheets bear appropriate effective dates and signatures, the Commission will reject the suspended sheets and allow the newly filed sheets at the identical rates to become effective.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 22nd day of December, 1999.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman



RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner



WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner