

## STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

(set for Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6 p.m.)

Phone: (253) 215-8782 • Meeting ID: 867 4834 7741# • Passcode: 319407#

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RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy,

**Docket UG-230968** 

## TO ALL PARTIES:

On November 22, 2023, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed proposed revision to its Tariff WN U-2 rates under natural gas tariff Schedule 111. Specifically, PSE seeks to incorporate allowance costs and auction proceeds from the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) into Schedule 111 rates by: (1) incorporating new language to the tariff that would enable the Company to fund decarbonization projects by setting aside \$23 million of the Company's projected no cost allowances revenue; and (2) updating rates pertaining to the amount deferred from January 2023 through September 2023.

On December 19, 2023, PSE filed revised tariff sheets. In its filing, the Company stated, among other things, that the purpose of this substitute filing is for PSE to amend its proposal to instead spread the withholding of the proceeds for targeted electrification projects over the three years of 2024 to 2026, setting aside \$7.7 million in estimated proceeds for no cost allowances during the 2024 rate period.

On December 22, 2023, in Order 01, the Commission allowed PSE's revised Schedule 111 tariff sheets to go into effect on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending the Commission's final determination in this Docket. Additionally, the Commission recalled, as a reminder, in Order 01 of Docket UG-230470, that PSE's original Schedule 111 tariff sheets had been allowed to go into

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effect, requiring PSE to "work with parties to develop a proposal for a risk sharing mechanism" in order to "propose a risk sharing mechanism in its October [2023] filing for Commission review."

On February 12, 2024, the Commission issued Order 02, Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing, which established a procedural schedule. The procedural schedule set a public comment hearing to be held on October 8, 2024, at 6 p.m.

The Commission gives notice of a virtual public comment hearing to provide members of the public with an opportunity to present oral comments to the Commission on the issues raised in these matters. To participate by phone, please call (253) 215-8782 and enter Meeting ID: 867 4834 7741# and Passcode: 319407#. To participate Via Zoom, please use the following link: Click here to join meeting.<sup>2</sup>

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Commission will hold a virtual public comment hearing in this matter at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

/s/ Amy Bonfrisco AMY BONFRISCO Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy, Docket UG-230470, Order 01 (August 3, 2023). This was an Open Meeting Order wherein the Commission made its determination on the original tariff, Schedule 111. The revised Schedule 111 was filed under this docket, Docket UG-230968.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/i/86748347741?pwd=pCpTCvUXVb1TaaFDUcmiRf1cHktogE.1