

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Docket No. UE-130617  
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s  
2013 Power Cost Only Rate Case**

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On July 2, 2013, PSE filed supplemental testimony and exhibits to its power cost only rate case request. This supplement appears to change PSE's original rate decrease to a rate increase, implicating the noticing provisions contained within WAC 480-90-194 and the corresponding electric regulation, WAC 480-100-194. Please provide the Commission with information indicating PSE's compliance with these provisions or their inapplicability.

**Response:**

As stated in its initial April 25, 2013 filing, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") intended to provide public notice pursuant to WAC 480-100-197, Adjudicative Proceedings, anticipating a public comment hearing. PSE planned to provide a bill insert to accompany customer statements beginning this month (July 2013). Such notice would have included both proposed rate and hearing information.

However, on July 2, 2013, WUTC Staff informally notified PSE that there would be no public hearing in this proceeding. Based on this informal notification, PSE plans to provide notice pursuant to WAC 480-100-194(2), Published Notice. PSE will complete publication this month (July 2013) and notify the Commission in accordance with WAC 480-100-198, Notice Verification and Assistance.