BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,  Complainant,  v.  Puget Sound Energy, Inc.,  PSE  Respondent.  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )  ) | DOCKET UE-111048 and  DOCKET UG-111049 *(consolidated)*  yesORDER 01  COMPLAINT AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS AND CONSOLIDATION |

**BACKGROUND**

Electric

1. On June 13, 2011, in Docket UE-111048, , ( or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service, designated listed in the appendix attached to this Order. The stated effective date is July 14, 2011. The purpose of this filing is to increase rates and charges for electric service provided to the customers in the state of Washington.
2. In this filing, would increase charges and rates for electric service by approximately $160.7 or 8.1 percent. In addition, PSE would increase rates for a proposed Conservation Savings Adjustment by approximately $7.4 million or 0.4 percent. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
3. On June 13, 2011, in Docket UG-111049, filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, designated as listed in the appendix attached to this Order. The stated effective date is July 14, 2011. The purpose of this filing is to increase rates and charges for natural gas service provided to customers in the State of Washington.
4. In this filing, would increase charges and rates for natural gas service by approximately $31.9 or 3.0 percent. In addition, PSE would increase rates for a proposed Conservation Savings Adjustment by approximately $1.5 million or 0.1 percent. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.
5. The matters in the two dockets appear to involve related facts and principles of law. It is appropriate that they be consolidated for hearing and determination pursuant to WAC 480-07-320.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

1. (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including companies.
2. (2) is an electric and natural gas company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
3. (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 30, 2011.
4. (4) The tariff revisions filed on , would increase charges and rates for electric and natural gas service provided by , and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
5. (5) has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
6. (6) PSE’s rates and charges for natural gas service shown on any tariffs that PSE does not propose to revise may also be investigated to determine if they are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
7. (7) PSE’s rates and charges for electric or natural gas service shown on any tariffs that PSE does not propose to revise may also be investigated to determine if they are fair, just reasonable and sufficient.
8. (8) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in [RCW 80.04.130](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=80.04.130), the Commission believes it is necessary to investigate ’s books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of ’s property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of ’s operations. The Commission finds that these dockets meet the criteria of WAC 480-07-400(2)(b)(i) and that discovery will be conducted pursuant to the Commission’s discovery rules in WAC 480-07-400 – 425.
9. (9) As required by [RCW 80.04.130 (4)](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=80.04.130), bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
10. (10) may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation, consistent with [RCW 80.20](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=80.20).

**O R D E R**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

1. (1) The tariff revisions , filed on , in Dockets UE-111048 and UG-111049 are suspended and the dockets are consolidated for hearing and Commission determination.
2. (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required. Such hearings may also examine the Company’s rates and charges for electric or natural gas service shown on any tariffs that Puget Sound Energy, Inc. does not propose to revise.
3. (3) , must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
4. (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of ’s books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described above.
5. (5) Discovery will be conducted pursuant to the Commission’s discovery rules in WAC 480-07-400 – 425.
6. (6) , shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission’s investigation, consistent with [RCW 80.20](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=80.20).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective .

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

**Appendix**

**WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service**

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| 39th Revision | Sheet No. 2-a | Index To Rate Schedules (Continued) |
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| 29th Revision | Sheet No. 24 | General Service |
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| 19th Revision | Sheet No. 26 | Large Demand General Service |
| 25th Revision | Sheet No. 29 | Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping Service |
| 30th Revision | Sheet No. 31 | Primary General Service |
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| 6th Revision | Sheet No. 40 | Large General Service Greater Than 3 Amw |
| 4th Revision | Sheet No. 40-a | Large General Service Greater Than 3 aMW (Continued) |
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| 4th Revision | Sheet No. 40-c | Large General Service Greater Than 3 aMW (Continued) |
| 21st Revision | Sheet No. 43-a | Interruptible Primary Service For Total-Electric Schools (Continued) |
| 30th Revision | Sheet No. 46 | High Voltage Interruptible Service |
| 11th Revision | Sheet No. 46-a | High Voltage Interruptible Service (Continued) |
| 29th Revision | Sheet No. 49 | High Voltage General Service |
| 29th Revision | Sheet No. 50 | Limited Street Lighting Service |
| 5th Revision | Sheet No. 51-a | LED (Light Emitting Diode) Lighting Service (Continued) |
| 20th Revision | Sheet No. 52-a | Custom Lighting Service Company Owned (Continued) |
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| 17th Revision | Sheet No. 53-a | Street Lighting Service Sodium Vapor (Continued) |
| 14th Revision | Sheet No. 53-b | Street Lighting Service Sodium Vapor (Continued) |
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| 30th Revision | Sheet No. 54 | Customer-Owned Street Lighting Energy Service Sodium Vapor |
| 30th Revision | Sheet No. 55 | Area Lighting Service |
| 11th Revision | Sheet No. 55-a | Area Lighting Service (Continued) |
| 27th Revision | Sheet No. 57 | Continuous Lighting Service |
| 26th Revision | Sheet No. 58 | Flood Lighting Service |
| 14th Revision | Sheet No. 58-a | Flood Lighting Service (Continued) |
| Original | Sheet No. 139 | Electric Conservation Savings Adjustment Rate |
| Original | Sheet No. 139-a | Electric Conservation Savings Adjustment Rate (Continued) |
| 8th Revision | Sheet No. 448-i | Power Supplier Choice (Continued) |
| 9th Revision | Sheet No. 449-i | Retail Wheeling Service (Continued) |

**WN U-2, Natural Gas Service**

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| 6th Revision | Sheet No. 3-B | Natural Gas Tariff Index (Continued) |
| 3rd Revision | Sheet No. 3-D | Natural Gas Tariff Index (Continued) |
| 32nd Revision | Sheet No. 4 | Natural Gas Tariff Index (Continued) |
| 10th Revision | Sheet No. 116-A | General Gas Lighting and Street Lighting Service (Optional) (Continued) |
| 54th Revision | Sheet No. 123 | Residential General Service |
| 50th Revision | Sheet No. 131 | Commercial and Industrial General Service |
| 4th Revision | Sheet No. 131T | Distribution System Transportation Service (Firm-Commercial and Industrial) |
| 56th Revision | Sheet No. 141 | Large Volume High Load Factor Gas Service (Optional) |
| 19th Revision | Sheet No. 141-A | Large Volume High Load Factor Gas Service (Optional) (Continued) |
| 4th Revision | Sheet No. 141T | Distribution System Transportation Service (Firm-Large Volume High Load Factor) |
| 4th Revision | Sheet No. 141T-A | Distribution System Transportation Service (Firm-Large Volume High Load Factor) (Continued) |
| 10th Revision | Sheet No. 153-B | Propane Service (Continued) |
| 2nd Revision | Sheet No. 161-A | Special Standby and Auxiliary Heating Service (Continued) |
| 14th Revision | Sheet No. 185 | Interruptible Gas Service with Firm Option |
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| 10th Revision | Sheet No. 186 | Limited Interruptible Gas Service with Firm Option (Optional) |
| 17th Revision | Sheet No. 186-C | Limited Interruptible Gas Service with Firm Option (Optional) (Continued) |
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| 4th Revision | Sheet No. 186T | Distribution System Transportation Service (Interruptible with Firm Option) |
| 3rd Revision | Sheet No. 186T-A | Distribution System Transportation Service (Interruptible with Firm Option) (Continued) |
| 18th Revision | Sheet No. 187-D | Non-Exclusive Interruptible Gas Service w/ Firm Option (Continued) |
| 4th Revision | Sheet No. 187T | Distribution System Transportation Service (Non-Exclusive Interruptible with Firm Option) |
| 3rd Revision | Sheet No. 187T-A | Distribution System Transportation Service (Non-Exclusive Interruptible with Firm Option) (Continued) |
| Original | Sheet No. 1139 | Gas Conservation Savings Adjustment Rate |
| Original | Sheet No. 1139-A | Gas Conservation Savings Adjustment Rate (Continued) |