

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET UE-072300
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
Complainant,	)	DOCKET UG-072301
	)	
v.	)	ORDER 01
	)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
Respondent.	)	AND ORDER OF
	)	CONSOLIDATION
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On December 3, 2007, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service, Advice No. 2007-34, and Tariff WN U-2, Gas Service, Advice No. 2007-35 as listed in the appendix attached to this Order. The stated effective date is January 3, 2008. The proposed revisions implement a general rate increase of \$174.5 million, or 9.50 percent, for electric service and \$56.8 million, or 5.31 percent, for gas service.
  
- 2 PSE filed the revisions to its electric tariff in accordance with the Settlement Stipulation approved by the Commission in Dockets UE-011570 and UG-011571 and Order 07 in Docket UE-070565, involving the Company’s power cost only rate case. Section 10 of Exhibit A to the Settlement Stipulation requires PSE to file a general rate case within three months of the effective date of any rate increase resulting from a Power Cost Only Rate Case. However, in the Commission’s Order 04 in Docket UE-070565, the Commission granted PSE’s request to extend the time for filing a general rate case until no later than April 15, 2008.
  
- 3 The filings would increase charges and rates for service provided by PSE. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and PSE has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, the Commission suspends the tariff filings and will hold

public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

4 The foregoing matters 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.

5 This proceeding meets the criteria in WAC 480-07-400(2)(b), and discovery will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's discovery rules in WAC 480-07-400 – 425.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

6 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the state of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric and gas companies, *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.*

7 (2) PSE is an electric company, a gas company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

8 (3) The tariff revisions PSE filed on December 3, 2007, would increase charges and rates for service provided by PSE, and might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public.

9 (4) PSE has not demonstrated that the increased rates and charges in its tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

10 (5) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law, and as authorized in RCW 80.04.130, the Commission believes it necessary to investigate PSE's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of PSE's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of PSE's operations.

- 11 (6) As required by RCW 80.04.130, PSE bears the burden of proof to show that  
the proposed increases are fair, just, and reasonable.
- 12 (7) PSE may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable  
to such an investigation consistent with RCW 80.20.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 13 (1) The tariff revisions Puget Sound Energy, Inc., (PSE) filed on December 3,  
2007, in Dockets UE-0702300 and UG-0702301 are suspended.
- 14 (2) The matters are consolidated for hearing and determination pursuant to WAC  
480-07-320.
- 15 (3) Discovery in this consolidated proceeding will be conducted pursuant to the  
Commission's discovery rules in WAC 480-07-400 – 425.
- 16 (3) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be  
required.
- 17 (4) PSE must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the  
suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
- 18 (5) The Commission will institute an investigation of PSE's books, accounts,  
practices, activities, property and operations, as described above.
- 19 (6) PSE shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the  
Commission's investigation, consistent with 80.20 RCW.
- 20 (7) As required by WAC 480-80-125, PSE must supply a notice to all affected  
customers in the form and manner specified in WAC 480-90-125.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 12, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILLIP B. JONES, Commissioner

APPENDIX

WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service, Advice No. 2007-34:

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16 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 26	Large Demand General Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 29	Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping Service
27 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 31	Primary General Service
21 <sup>st</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 35	Seasonal Primary Irrigation & Drainage Pumping Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 40	Large General Service Greater Than 3 aMW
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 40-c	Large General Service Greater Than 3 aMW (Continued)
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 40-d	Large General Service Greater Than 3 aMW (Continued)
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27 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 46	High Voltage Interruptible Service
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26 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 49	High Voltage General Service
26 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 50	Limited Street Lighting Service
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27 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 55	Area Lighting Service
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31 <sup>st</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 95	Power Cost Adjustment Clause
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20 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 171	Residential Water Heater Rental Service
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