

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	DOCKET UE-111048 and DOCKET UG-111049 ( <i>consolidated</i> )
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Complainant,	)	ORDER 01
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v.	)	
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS AND CONSOLIDATION
Respondent.	)	
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On June 13, 2011, in Docket UE-111048, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., (PSE 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, PSE 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 PSE 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, PSE filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, Tariff G, 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, PSE 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 PSE 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**

- 6 (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 electric companies.
- 7 (2) PSE is an electric and natural gas company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 30, 2011.
- 9 (4) The tariff revisions PSE filed on June 13, 2011, would increase charges and rates for electric and natural gas service provided by PSE, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 10 (5) PSE has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 11 (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.

- 12 (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.
- 13 (8) 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 is 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. 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.
- 14 (9) As required by [RCW 80.04.130 \(4\)](#), PSE bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 15 (10) 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:**

- 16 (1) The tariff revisions Puget Sound Energy, Inc., filed on June 13, 2011, in Dockets UE-111048 and UG-111049 are suspended and the dockets are consolidated for hearing and Commission determination.
- 17 (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.
- 18 (3) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.

- 19 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s  
books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described above.
- 20 (5) Discovery will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's discovery rules in  
WAC 480-07-400 – 425.
- 21 (6) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and  
allocable to the Commission's investigation, consistent with [RCW 80.20](#).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 30, 2011.

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**

39 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 2-a	Index To Rate Schedules (Continued)
31 <sup>st</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 7	Residential Service
6 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 7-b	Master Metered Residential Service (Continued)
29 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 24	General Service
18 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 25	Small Demand General Service
11 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 25-a	Small Demand General Service (Continued)
19 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 26	Large Demand General Service
25 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 29	Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping Service
30 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 31	Primary General Service
24 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 35	Seasonal Primary Irrigation & Drainage Pumping Service
6 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 40	Large General Service Greater Than 3 Amw
4 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 40-a	Large General Service Greater Than 3 aMW (Continued)
4 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 40-b	Large General Service Greater Than 3 aMW (Continued)
4 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 40-c	Large General Service Greater Than 3 aMW (Continued)
21 <sup>st</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 43-a	Interruptible Primary Service For Total-Electric Schools (Continued)
30 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 46	High Voltage Interruptible Service
11 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 46-a	High Voltage Interruptible Service (Continued)
29 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 49	High Voltage General Service
29 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 50	Limited Street Lighting Service
5 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 51-a	LED (Light Emitting Diode) Lighting Service (Continued)
20 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 52-a	Custom Lighting Service Company Owned (Continued)
8 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 52-b	Custom Lighting Service Company Owned (Continued)
17 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 53-a	Street Lighting Service Sodium Vapor (Continued)
14 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 53-b	Street Lighting Service Sodium Vapor (Continued)
8 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 53-c	Street Lighting Service Sodium Vapor (Continued)
30 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 54	Customer-Owned Street Lighting Energy Service Sodium Vapor
30 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 55	Area Lighting Service
11 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 55-a	Area Lighting Service (Continued)
27 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 57	Continuous Lighting Service
26 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 58	Flood Lighting Service
14 <sup>th</sup> 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)
8 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 448-i	Power Supplier Choice (Continued)
9 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 449-i	Retail Wheeling Service (Continued)

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

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