

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UE-111048 and
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKET UG-111049
)	<i>(consolidated)</i>
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.)	CONFERENCE
)	(Set for July 20, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.)
Respondent.)	
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.....)	

1 On June 13, 2011, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) certain tariff revisions designed to increase its rates for electric service (Docket UE-111048) and gas service (Docket UG-111049) to customers in Washington. The proposed revisions provide for a general rate increase of \$160.7 million or 8.1 percent for the electric tariffs and \$31.9 million or 3.0 percent for the gas tariffs. The Commission suspended operation of the as-filed tariffs by Order 01 entered in these dockets following the June 30, 2011, open meeting.

2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric and gas utilities. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, and RCW 80.28 relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, RCW 80.28.020, RCW 80.28.030, RCW 80.28.070, RCW 80.28.090, and RCW 80.28.100. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-07, WAC 480-90, and WAC 480-100.

3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

4 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice.
See WAC 480-07-440(1)(a).

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference
in this matter at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, in the Commission's
Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen
Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention,
resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence and
workpapers, to identify the issues in the proceeding and determine other matters to
assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430. **Parties
are encouraged to consult informally prior to the prehearing conference to
develop a proposed schedule for the Commission's consideration, including
potential dates for a public hearing.**

7 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene
in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference.
See WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene
during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party
representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the
business day before the conference. See WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness
in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this
notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place
for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later
conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

8 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or
participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of
this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-
450.**

9 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known
representatives are as follows:

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- 10 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 11 The Attorney General has designated Simon ffitc of the Office of the Public Counsel to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 12 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective July 6, 2011.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary

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NOTICE

Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: David W. Danner, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket : _____

Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

Hearing Impaired (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter:

Visual _____ Tactile _____

Other type of assistance needed: _____

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____