

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET UG-110723
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
v.	)	CONFERENCE
	)	<b>(Set for August 19, 2011, at</b>
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,	)	<b>1:30 p.m.)</b>
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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1 Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) on April 26, 2011, filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, designated as the following:

Original	Sheet No. 1134	Pipeline Integrity Program
Original	Sheet No. 1134-A	Pipeline Integrity Program (Continued)

2 On June 29, 2011, and July 14, 2011, PSE filed substituted tariff sheets.

3 The tariff sheets reflect an issue date of April 26, 2011, and an effective date of August 1, 2011. The purpose of the filing is to submit Schedule 134, Pipeline Integrity Program (PIP) which is a new cost recovery method intended to enhance pipeline safety by providing for the expedited recovery of the Company's investment in new plant to implement certain reliability, integrity, and safety programs related to PSE's natural gas delivery system. The amended scope of the PIP is limited and includes only the following programs: (1) Wrapped Steel Service Assessment; (2) Wrapped Steel Main Assessment; and (3) Older Polyethylene Pipe Replacement.

The proposed tariff revisions would increase natural gas service revenues under the new cost recovery method by approximately \$107,440 for the August 1 through October 31, 2011, initial program period. All subsequent program periods will be November 1 through October 31. The Company anticipates that the revenue requirement for the program period of November 1, 2011, through October 31, 2012, will be \$1.95 million. The Commission suspended operation of the tariffs by Order 01 entered in this docket following the July 15, 2011, open meeting.

4 **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 natural gas companies. 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 and WAC 480-90.

5 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.

6 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 1:30 p.m., on August 19, 2011, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

7 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.

8 **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.

9 **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.**

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

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- 11 Administrative Law Judge Gregory J. Kopta, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 12 The Attorney General has designated Simon J. ffitich 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.
- 13 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 26, 2011.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER  
Executive Director and Secretary

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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)

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