

Agenda Date: May 28, 2009
Item Numbers: A1 and A2

Dockets: UE-090704 and UG-090705
Company: Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

Staff: Mike Parvinen, Assistant Director - Energy

Recommendation

Issue a complaint and order suspending the tariffs filed in Dockets UE-090704 and UG-090705 and set the matters for hearing.

Background

On May 8, 2009, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE or company) filed both electric and natural gas general rate cases requesting additional revenues of \$148.1 million, about 7.4 percent for electric service, and \$27.2 million, about 2.2 percent for natural gas service. If approved as filed, the average electric residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity would see an increase of \$8.23 per month. The average natural gas residential customer using 68 therms of natural gas would see an increase of \$2.41 per month.

The company indicates that the main reason for the proposed increase is investment in new generating facilities and increases in costs associated with maintaining reliable gas and electric service.

PSE serves about 1.1 million electric customers and 738,000 natural gas customers in the Puget Sound region of western Washington.

Discussion

Staff reviewed the application and associated work papers for compliance with WAC 480-07-140 and WAC 480-07-510 and finds that the filing is in compliance. Staff needs additional time to thoroughly review the filing through the formal discovery process.

Conclusion

Staff recommends the tariff filings in Dockets UE-090704 and UG-090705 be suspended and set for hearing.