

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND |) | |
| TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, |) | |
| |) | DOCKET UE-011212 |
| IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION |) | |
| OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC., |) | ORDER GRANTING |
| |) | ACCOUNTING PETITION |
| For an Accounting Order Regarding the |) | AND REQUIRING |
| Extension of Time of Day Adjustment |) | MONTHLY REPORTS AND |
| Schedule 307, the Implementation of |) | CUSTOMER NOTICE |
| Time of Day Adjustment Schedules |) | |
| 324, 325, 326, and 331. |) | |
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 31, 2001, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for an accounting order authorizing PSE to maintain accounts in conformity with Time of Day Adjustment Schedules 307, 324, 325, 326, and 331 (Time of Day Schedules) and Schedule No. 105 (Residential Time of Day Adjustment Schedule) and Schedule No. 106 (Non-residential Time of Day Adjustment Schedule) to defer any monthly over-collection of revenues resulting from implementing residential Time of Day rates through May 31, 2002 and business Time of Day rates through September 30, 2002.
- 2 In the Commission's Order in Docket UE-010410, entered on April 25, 2001, PSE received authorization to defer any monthly over-collection of revenue resulting from its Time of Day Schedule 307, through September 30, 2001.

FINDINGS

THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT:

- 3 (1) PSE is in the business of furnishing electric and gas service in the state of Washington and is subject to the Commission's regulatory authority over retail rates, services and practices.
- 4 (2) Implementing the proposed Time of Day Schedules as a pilot programs may result in over-collection of revenues compared to the revenues derived from the current base rate schedules.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 5 **(1)** PSE is authorized to modify its accounts in conformity with the Time of Day Schedules and the Time of Day Rate Adjustment Schedules. Specifically, PSE is authorized to defer any cumulative over-collection pursuant to the Time of Day Schedules, accounting for such difference (if any) on a monthly basis until the end of the program, when an amount equal to such difference will be refunded to eligible customers within each rate class pursuant to and in conformity with the Time of Day Rate Adjustment Schedules 105 and 106.
- 6 **(2)** PSE must file monthly reports for each month beginning October 2001 through the end of the pilot programs showing the benefits and costs of the Time of Day pilot programs by the twentieth day of the following month. Staff is directed to convene the necessary workshop(s) with PSE and interested parties to develop the information and data that is to be included in the monthly and final evaluation reports in order to analyze the results of the program. The workshop(s) will also provide a forum for Staff and interested parties to review and develop appropriate questions for PSE's Time of Day and Conservation Incentive Credit customer surveys.
- 7 **(3)** PSE must provide customer notice of the extension of the residential Time of Day pilot program in each customer's next regular billing, provide business customers with the opportunity to opt-out of the program prior to their first Time of Day bill, and clearly display opt-out information on all Time of Day customer bills on a continuing monthly basis through the end of the programs.
- 8 **(4)** THE COMMISSION ORDERS FURTHER That it retains jurisdiction to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 26th day of September, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner