

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of  
  
PUGET SOUND ENERGY,  
  
Petitioner,  
  
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions  
of WAC 480-80-121 Relating to Tariff  
Changes with Statutory Notice

DOCKET UE-170994  
  
ORDER 01  
  
ORDER GRANTING  
EXEMPTION FROM RULE

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On September 22, 2017, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting  
an exemption from WAC 480-80-121 (Petition).
- 2 WAC 480-80-121 requires that the Commission receive proposed tariff changes not less  
than 30 days in advance of the requested effective date.
- 3 In its Petition, PSE states that, effective October 1, 2017, customers who have their  
renewable generation system certified with the Program Administrator, as defined by  
Senate Bill 5939, will receive an incentive as determined by the Program Administrator.  
In accordance with WAC 480-80-122, PSE requests the Commission allow the tariff  
changes to become effective with less than statutory notice. Allowing less than statutory  
notice allows the Company's tariffs to be amended by October 1, 2017, in accordance  
with Senate Bill 5939. There will be no change in rates to customers.
- 4 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommends the Commission grant PSE's  
request for an exemption from WAC 480-80-121.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 5 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the  
authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities,  
transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including  
electric companies.

- 6 (2) PSE is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) PSE is subject to WAC 480-80-121, which provides that the Commission must receive tariff changes not less than 30 days in advance of requested effective date.
- 8 (4) Under WAC 480-110-215, the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-110, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. See also WAC 480-07-110.
- 9 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 28, 2017.
- 10 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket UE-170994 by PSE on September 22, 2017, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 11 (1) After the effective date of this Order, Puget Sound Energy is granted an exemption from WAC 480-80-121, Relating to Tariff Changes with Statutory Notice.
- 12 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Puget Sound Energy to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 28, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary