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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REQUESTED CHANGES TO PUGET SOUND PILOTS

On June 29, 2022, Puget Sound Pilots (“PSP”) filed a general rate case with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“UTC”) requesting an increase in pilotage rates. For access to information filed in this case: [Puget Sound Pilots GRC, Docket TP-220513 \(wa.gov\)](https://www.wa.gov/transportation/utc/cases/TP-220513). Click on the link “TP-220513” to see filed documents in this case.

The UTC has authority to approve rates that may be higher or lower than PSP’s request. The UTC is examining the proposed rates; the examination can take up to 11 months. The UTC has indicated that it will likely enter a final order regarding the proposed increase in pilotage rates by July 10, 2023.

PSP has requested the following:

- An increase of 35.6 percent in pilotage rates.
- An increase of 32.43 percent in target distributable net income per pilot.
- To transition the PSP pension plan from a “pay as you go” system to a fully funded system.
- To incorporate multiple “automatic adjusters” in PSP’s tariff that will automatically modify pilotage rates in response to certain contingencies including, for example, an increase or decrease in the number of pilots.

Overall proposed rate changes for pilotage service by rate schedule:

Tariff Item	Type of Service	Current	Proposed
300 - Inter-Harbor Vessel Movements	Tonnage up to and including 2,000 tons	N/A	\$846.00 (flat rate)
300 - Inter-Harbor Vessel Movements	Tonnage from 2,000 tons up to and including 20,000 tons	\$1,428.00 (flat rate for all vessels up to 20,000 tons, plus)	\$1,605.07 (flat rate, plus) [12.40% increase]



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300 - Inter-Harbor Vessel Movements	Tonnage from 20,000 tons up to and including 50,000 tons	\$.0664 per ton (plus)	\$.0746 per ton (plus) [12.35% increase]
300 - Inter-Harbor Vessel Movements	Tonnage from 50,000 tons up to and including 100,000 tons	\$.0614	\$.0690 (plus) [12.38% increase]
300 - Inter-Harbor Vessel Movements	Tonnage over 100,000 tons	\$.0564	\$.0634 (plus) [12.41% increase]
300 – Service Time Charge	Service time	\$247.75 per hour (two hour minimum)	\$270.05 per hour (two hour minimum) [9% increase]
310 – Harbor Shifts	Harbor shift of vessels less than 231.65 meters length over all	\$1,223.30	\$2,446.60 [100% increase]
310 – Harbor Shifts	Harbor shift of vessels 231.65 meters Length Overall and over	\$1,428.00	\$2,856.00 [100% increase]
310 – Harbor Shifts	Harbor shift of vessels equal to or less than 2,000 GT	N/A	\$726.00
310 – Service Time Charge	Service time	\$247.75 (two hour minimum)	\$270.05 per hour (two hour minimum) [9% increase]
340 – Transportation Charge	Pilot transportation	\$168.20	\$195.36 [16.15% increase]



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350 – Cancellation Charge	Late cancellation	\$1,428.00	\$1,785.00 [25% increase]
360 – Delay Charge	Delay outside pilots control exceeding 60 minutes	\$247.75 per hour (six hour maximum after which service is deemed cancelled)	\$270.05 per hour (six hour maximum after which service is deemed cancelled) [9% increase]
360 – Detention Charge	Detention outside pilot's control at request of vessel	\$247.75 per hour	\$270.05 per hour [9% increase]
360 – Standby Charge	Pilot on standby at request of vessel	\$247.75 per hour	\$270.05 per hour [9% increase]
360 – Delay, Detention, Standby and Other	Other detention, delay, or standby	\$247.75 per hour	\$270.05 per hour [9% increase]
370 – Other Service Charges	Marine pilotage services not otherwise specified in tariff	\$247.75 per hour (two hour minimum)	\$270.05 per hour (two hour minimum) [9% increase]
400 – Pay-As-You-Go Pension Surcharge	Pilot pension surcharge	N/A	\$.0207 per ton
410 – Annual Funded Pension Adjuster	Adjusts tariff to pay projected cost of retirement benefits	N/A	To be determined based on application of automatic adjuster formula
420 – Annual Pilot Station/Pilot Boat Expense Adjuster	Adjusts tariff based on ordinary	N/A	To be determined based on application of



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	pilot station/pilot boat costs		automatic adjuster formula
430 – Periodic Pilot Station/Pilot Boat Capital Cost Adjuster	Adjusts tariff based on significant capital investments in pilot station/pilot boat resources	N/A	To be determined based on application of automatic adjuster formula

Public hearing date and time:

The UTC has now established the time for a virtual public comment hearing to provide members of the public with an opportunity to present oral comments to the UTC on the issues raised in this case.

You may comment on the requested changes to pilotage rates at the virtual public hearing held by the UTC at 1:30 p.m. on March 30, 2023.

If you plan to participate, please contact John Cupp, UTC staff, at least one day before the hearing so you can be signed in. You can call Mr. Cupp at (360) 664-1113 or email him at john.cupp@utc.wa.gov. Please provide: your name, organization, phone number or email address, and whether you would like to speak.

Other ways to comment to the UTC on the proposed rates:

Send written comments to the UTC by one of the following:

Online: www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment

Email: comments@utc.wa.gov

Phone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

U.S. Mail: UTC P.O. Box 47250

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In your comments, please reference Docket 220513.

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