

## Important notice regarding your electric and natural gas services

### Notice of requested rate increase and public hearing

On Nov. 7 2018, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) filed a request with the state Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to increase rates for all electric and natural gas customer groups, effective March 7, 2019. This request updates Schedule 141 rates to recover utility operation costs PSE has made through June 30, 2018. The filing as originally submitted requests a total electric revenue increase of \$18.9 million, or 0.9 percent, and a total increase in natural gas revenue of \$21.7 million, or 2.7 percent. This filing also includes a request for a revision to PSE's electric and gas Schedule 142 Revenue Decoupling Mechanisms. PSE describes this filing as an Expedited Rate Filing (ERF). The UTC has the authority to set final rates that may vary from PSE's requests, which may either be higher or lower depending on the results of the UTC investigation.

### Public hearing date and location

Feb. 5, 2019, – 6 p.m.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Hearing Room 206  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia

You are invited to comment on PSE's requested rate increase. You may comment in person at a public hearing or, for convenience, use the online comment form at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/comment>.

Please reference docket numbers UE-180899 (electric) and/or UG-180900 (natural gas).

### Effects on residential customers

The monthly bill effect of the ERF for the typical residential electric and natural gas customer is shown in the charts below. Individual customers will see a greater or lesser increase than what is shown, depending on the amount of their usage. Most electric and all natural gas customers are billed monthly. Some electric customers are billed every other month.

Electric service	Current bill	Proposed (eff. March 7, 2019)
Basic charge – single phase	\$7.49	\$7.49
Energy – First 600	\$0.08547 per kWh	\$0.08650 per kWh
Energy – Over 600	\$0.10443 per kWh	\$0.10569 per kWh
<b>Total bill at 900 kWh per month</b>	<b>\$90.10</b>	<b>\$91.10</b>

  

Natural gas service	Current bill	Proposed (eff. March 7, 2019)
Basic charge	\$11.00	\$11.52
Therm charge for all therms	\$48.03	\$49.09
<b>Total bill at 64 therms per month</b>	<b>\$59.03</b>	<b>\$60.61</b>

## Summary of requested rate increases

Overall revenue increase: \$18.9 million (0.9%)

Electric schedule	Type of service	Current average rate per kWh	Proposed average rate per kWh	Percent change
7	Residential	\$0.10219	\$0.10333	1.1 increase
24	Secondary voltage (50 kW or less)	\$0.10361	\$0.10440	0.8 increase
25	Secondary voltage (over 50 kW to 350 kW)	\$0.09677	\$0.09741	0.7 increase
26	Secondary or primary voltage (over 350 kW)	\$0.08802	\$0.08860	0.7 increase
29	Seasonal irrigation & drainage pumping	\$0.07792	\$0.07848	0.7 increase
31	Primary voltage limited	\$0.08584	\$0.08642	0.7 increase
35	Primary voltage irrigation	\$0.05806	\$0.05904	1.7 increase
43	Interruptible total electric schools	\$0.09474	\$0.09569	1.0 increase
40	Campus rate	\$0.07936	\$0.07979	0.5 increase
46	High voltage interruptible	\$0.07176	\$0.07223	0.6 increase
49	High voltage general service	\$0.07075	\$0.07122	0.7 increase
50–59	Lighting (area & street)	\$0.24601	\$0.24860	1.1 increase
449, 459	Choice/retail wheeling	\$0.00528	\$0.00529	0.1 increase

Overall revenue increase: \$21.7 million (2.7%)

Natural gas schedule	Type of service	Current average rate per therm	Proposed average rate per therm	Percent change
23, 53	Residential	\$0.92063	\$0.94511	2.7 increase
31	Commercial and industrial	\$0.72440	\$0.74529	2.9 increase
41	Large volume	\$0.51087	\$0.52411	2.6 increase
85	Interruptible	\$0.33823	\$0.34257	1.3 increase
86	Limited interruptible	\$0.47971	\$0.49368	2.9 increase
87	Non-exclusive interruptible	\$0.27922	\$0.28233	1.1 increase
31T	Commercial and industrial transportation	\$0.64307	\$0.67414	4.8 increase
41T	Large volume transportation	\$0.24353	\$0.25548	4.9 increase
85T	Interruptible transportation	\$0.10083	\$0.10491	4.0 increase
86T	Limited interruptible transportation	\$0.27107	\$0.28526	5.2 increase
87T	Non-exclusive interruptible transportation	\$0.03995	\$0.04233	6.0 increase
16	Gas lighting	\$0.82756	\$0.85177	2.9 increase
	Contracts	\$0.05177	\$0.05311	2.6 increase
71, 72, 74	Rentals	n/a	n/a	2.8 increase

Note: The figures above represent averages by rate schedule including the basic charge.

Natural gas transportation and electric choice/wheeling customers have rates that are significantly less than the average rates for other schedules because, in part, these customers receive only delivery or transportation services.

To view the proposed filing, visit [pse.com/erf](http://pse.com/erf).

## Public comment

To comment to the UTC on PSE's requested rate increase:

The UTC accepts comments online at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/comment>; email [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov); phone 1-888-333-9882; fax 360-664-4291 or in writing to P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504-7250. Please include your name, mailing address, the name of the company (PSE), and docket number UE-180899 (electric) and/or UG-180900 (natural gas). If you have questions about the UTC's process, please contact the UTC using one of the above methods. The UTC provides reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities; for accommodations, please email [human\\_resources@utc.wa.gov](mailto:human_resources@utc.wa.gov) or call 360-664-1132.

The public is represented by the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Attorney General's office and can be reached by writing to Public Counsel, Assistant Attorney General, 800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98104-3188, or by emailing [utility@atg.wa.gov](mailto:utility@atg.wa.gov).

To contact PSE about these proposals: email [customercare@pse.com](mailto:customercare@pse.com); call 1-888-225-5773 (TTY: 1-800-962-9498); or write to Puget Sound Energy, ATTN: Customer Care, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA 98009-9734.

Copies of information on rules, rates, power supply fuel mix, regulations, customer rights and responsibilities, as well as an annual report, are available by calling 1-888-225-5773 and at [pse.com](http://pse.com).

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