

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

In The Matter of the Requested Tariff	)	DOCKET NO. UG-011051
Revision Filed by Puget Sound Energy,	)	
Inc.	)	ORDER ALLOWING TARIFF
.....	)	REVISION SUBJECT TO
	)	CONDITION

**BACKGROUND**

- 1        On July 23, 2001, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., (PSE) filed with the Commission under its Advice No. 2001-31 a revision to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, designated as Twenty-Fourth Revision Sheet No. 1106. The tariff sheet bears an inserted effective date of September 1, 2001.
  
- 2        The purpose of this tariff revision is to amortize by means of a surcharge, over the next nine months, deferred gas cost balances that have accumulated in Account 191, Unrecovered Purchased Gas Costs from November 1999 through August 2001.
  
- 3        Puget Sound Energy, Inc., has not completed its monthly gas-cost reconciliation process for months subsequent to February 2001. Therefore, the current balance in Account 191 reflects estimated amounts for the months of March 2001 forward.
  
- 4        The Commission's Staff has reviewed the actual and estimated amounts in Account 191 through August 2001 and other accounting data and believes that the balances are very close to what they will reflect after the reconciliation process is complete. However, a complete audit cannot be performed during the normal review period since certain information is not available in a format that allows timely verification of purchase volumes, prices, and off-system sales.
  
- 5        The Commission will allow the tariff to become effective September 1, 2001, as revised, however, the Commission explicitly reserves the right to adjust the accounts and tariff as necessary after the completion of PSE's reconciliation process and the Commission Staff's audit. Doing so is consistent with prior practice and with the understandings of the Company and the Commission Staff.
  
- 6        On the basis of the information now available, the tariff revision filed herein is fair, just and reasonable, and is consistent with the public interest. The Commission will allow the tariff to become effective as filed, subject to potential later revision.

**FINDINGS**

7 After careful examination of the tariff revision filed herein by Puget Sound Energy, Inc., on July 23, 2001, under Docket No. UG-011051 and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that the tariff revision should be allowed to become effective as filed.

**ORDER**

8 THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS That the requested tariff revision filed herein by Puget Sound Energy, Inc., is hereby accepted, and the tariff revision will become effective September 1, 2001, subject to the condition stated in this order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

PATRICK OSHIE, Commissioner