

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UG-041825
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC,)	ORDER NO. 01
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
)	STATUTORY NOTICE
For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	REGARDING REVISION OF LOW
Connection with Tariff Revisions)	INCOME PROGRAM RATES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 11, 2004, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., (PSE or the Company) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, designated as Second Revision of Sheet No. 1129-B. The purpose of the filing is to revise the low income program charges in order to spread the program costs for the upcoming year based on loads reflected in the December 2003 Commission Basis Report, rather than the loads from the October 2003 through September 2004 test year. This revises the rates that went into effect October 1, 2004, in Docket No. UG-041572.

- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require a thirty-day notice prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheet bears an inserted effective date of November 11, 2004. This date recognizes statutory notice as required. The Company requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted in WAC 480-80-122, and that the revisions become effective November 1, 2004. PSE stated the reason for less than statutory notice is to pass through to customers the reduction in rates sooner.

- 3 Since the filing provides a decrease in rates, the Company is exempt from notice requirements in WAC 480-90-194.

4 Since the proposed tariff revisions appear to be fair, just, and reasonable, and less
than statutory notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that
the Commission grant PSE's request with an effective date of November 1, 2004.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of
the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate
rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public
service companies, including electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter*
80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.28 RCW.
- 6 (2) PSE is an electric company and is a public service company subject to the
jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 7 (3) PSE is subject to the provisions of RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121
requiring electric companies to file changes in any rate or charge with
thirty days' notice. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may
allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice by order specifying
the changes to be made and the time when it shall take effect.
WAC 480-80-122.
- 8 (4) WAC 480-90-008 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption
from the provisions of any rule in Chapter 480-90 WAC, if consistent with
the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable
statutes.
- 9 (5) Staff has reviewed the request in Docket UG-041825 and recommended
the less than statutory notice request of PSE be granted. The Company is
exempt from notice requirements in WAC 480-90-194.

- 10 (6) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 27, 2004.
- 11 (7) After examination of the proposed tariff revisions filed by PSE on October 11, 2004, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed tariff revisions for low income program rates should become effective November 1, 2004, as a matter of law.
- 12 (8) The Commission also finds the Company should be granted an exemption to the customer notice requirements.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) The request sought by Puget Sound Energy, Inc., for less than statutory notice is granted, thereby allowing the proposed revision of PSE's low income program rates to become effective as a matter of law on November 1, 2004.

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

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DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 27th day of October, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary