

# NOTICE OF REQUEST TO CHANGE CONSERVATION RATES FOR PUGET SOUND ENERGY ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS

Puget Sound Energy filed a request to adjust electric and natural gas rates to offset increases in the costs of investments made in energy efficiency programs that are made available to customers. If approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the cost for electric service will increase an overall average of 1.74 percent and natural gas service will increase an overall average of 0.60 percent (about two-thirds of 1 percent). The requested effective date of the rate changes is April 1, 2010.

An electric residential customer who uses an average of 1,000 kWh per month will pay an additional \$1.79 per month bringing the total monthly electric conservation program charge to \$4.62

The overall average increase for electric customers is as follows:

Schedule 7 .....	1.75 percent
Schedules 7A, 24, 25, 26 and 29 .....	1.75 percent
Schedules 31, 35, 43 and primary voltage 449.....	1.88 percent
Schedule 40 .....	0.76 percent
Schedules 46, 49 and high voltage 449 .	2.13 percent
Outdoor Lighting (Schedules 50–59) .....	0.64 percent

A natural gas residential customer who uses an average of 68 therms per month will pay an additional \$0.45 per month bringing the total monthly natural gas conservation program charge to \$1.43

The overall average increase for natural gas customers is as follows:

Schedules 16, 23 and 53 .....	0.56 percent
Schedules 31 and 41 .....	0.66 percent
Schedules 85, 86, and 87 .....	0.83 percent
Schedules 31T, 41T, 85T, 86T and 87T .....	0.00 percent

PSE requested this increase through the existing Electricity Conservation Service Rider and Natural Gas Conservation Service Tracker mechanisms previously approved by the UTC. The mechanisms allow PSE to periodically adjust its electric and natural gas rates to reflect changes in investments in energy efficiency for customers made by the company.

The UTC has the authority to set final rates that may vary from PSE's request, either higher or lower or structured differently depending on the results of its review.

You may submit comments to the UTC about these proposals by using the online comment form at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/comment>; e-mailing at [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov); faxing at 360-664-4291; or mailing your comments to the UTC at: P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504. If you write, include your name and mailing address, the name of the company (PSE), and Advice No. 2010-04 for electric and Advice No. 2010-05 for natural gas.

The public, including residential and small business customers, is represented by the Public Counsel Section of the Washington State Attorney General's office. You can reach the Public Counsel Section by writing to Public Counsel, Assistant Attorney General, 800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98104-3188, or by e-mail at [utility@atg.wa.gov](mailto:utility@atg.wa.gov).

If you have questions or comments for PSE about these proposals, you may submit those questions or comments by mailing, e-mailing or calling PSE at: Puget Sound Energy, ATTN: Customer Service, P.O. Box 90868, Bellevue, WA 98009-0868, by e-mail at [customer@pse.com](mailto:customer@pse.com) or by telephone at 1-888-225-5773. Additional information about the filings is available at [PSE.com](http://PSE.com).



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