

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PUGET SOUND ENERGY CUSTOMERS ABOUT PROPOSED CHANGES IN RATES

Puget Sound Energy recently filed requests with the state Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to adjust electric and natural gas rates. The requested changes, proposed to become effective Oct. 1 include:

- **Energy Exchange Credit** (listed on statement): A decrease in electric rates for residential and small farm customers due to an increase in the amount of the Energy Exchange Credit, based on agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration. The adjusted credit would be \$0.007406 per kilowatt hour, a \$0.000612 increase in the credit amount. The increased credit will lower the typical residential electric bill, based on 900 kWh average usage by 56 cents per month, or 0.57 percent.
- **Low Income Program** (included in "Other Charges" listed on statement): A decrease in natural gas rates and an increase in electric rates to recover changes in the costs for the low income program bill-payment assistance program. PSE requested these changes through the existing low income assistance mechanism previously approved by the UTC. The mechanism allows PSE to periodically adjust its electric and natural gas rates to reflect changes in actual sales and costs. Natural gas rates would decrease by an overall average of 0.13 percent. Electric rates would increase by an overall average of 0.02 percent. For the typical residential customer using 900 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity per month, the proposed adjustment will result in an increase of \$0.02 per month.

The proposed, overall average changes for electric customers are:

TYPE OF SERVICE—ELECTRIC SCHEDULE	PERCENT CHANGE
Residential Service (Schedule 7).....	0.54 decrease
Small General Service (Schedules 8 & 24).....	0.03 decrease
Medium General Service (Schedules 7A, 11 & 25).....	0.04 decrease
Large General Service (Schedules 12, 26 & 26P).....	0.01 decrease
Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping Service (Schedule 29).....	0.79 decrease
Primary Voltage General Service (Schedules 10 & 31).....	0.03 decrease
Primary Voltage Irrigation & Drainage Pumping (Schedule 35).....	2.53 decrease
Large General Service Greater Than 3 aMW (Schedule 40).....	0.07 increase
Primary Voltage Interruptible Schools (Schedule 43).....	0.01 decrease
High Voltage Interruptible Service (Schedule 46).....	0.02 decrease
High Voltage General Service (Schedule 49).....	0.02 increase
Lighting (Schedules 50-59).....	0.07 increase
Retail Wheeling (Schedules 448-459).....	0.02 increase

The proposed, overall average changes for natural gas customers are:

TYPE OF SERVICE—NATURAL GAS SCHEDULE	PERCENT CHANGE
Residential Service (Schedules 23 & 53).....	0.06 decrease
Commercial & Industrial (Schedule 31).....	0.29 decrease
Commercial & Industrial Transportation (Schedule 31T).....	0.52 decrease
Large Volume (Schedule 41).....	0.22 decrease
Large Volume Transportation (Schedule 41T).....	0.59 decrease
Interruptible with Firm Option (Schedule 85).....	0.14 decrease
Interruptible with Firm Option Transportation (Schedule 85T).....	0.56 decrease
Limited Interruptible (Schedule 86).....	0.22 decrease
Limited Interruptible Transportation (Schedule 86T).....	0.33 decrease
Non-Exclusive Interruptible (Schedule 87).....	0.07 decrease
Non-Exclusive Interruptible Transportation (Schedule 87T).....	0.40 decrease

The UTC has the authority to set final rates that may vary from PSE's requests, either higher or lower or structured differently depending on the results of its review. PSE bills all natural gas and most electric customers every month; some electric customers are billed every other month.

Comments or questions on proposals: PSE customers may submit comments to the UTC about these proposals by using the online comment form at www.utc.wa.gov/comment; e-mailing to comments@utc.wa.gov; faxing to 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 a description of the filing(s). You may also ask questions of the UTC and request the UTC notify you of the open meeting at which these proposals will be considered by the Commission. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the Commission at (360) 664-1132 or human_resources@utc.wa.gov.

The public is represented by the Public Counsel Section of the Office of the Attorney General. 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.

To contact PSE about these proposals: by email, customer care@pse.com, in writing, ATTN: Customer Care, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA 98009-9734, by phone, 888-225-5773. Additional information about the electric and natural gas filings is available at www.pse.com.