

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| In the Matter of the Request of Puget Sound Energy, Petitioner, For Less Than Statutory Notice in Connection with Tariff Revisions | DOCKET UG-210952 ORDER 01 GRANTING LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING TARIFF REVISIONS |
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On December 10, 2021, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, designated as “2nd Revision of Sheet No. 1138” (Petition). The purpose of this filing is to revise the availability date for service under PSE’s new Supplemental Schedule 138 Voluntary Renewable Natural Gas Purchase Rider from after February 1, 2022, to December 24, 2021.
- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require 30 days’ notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of January 9, 2022. This date recognizes the required 30-day statutory notice. The Company requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted by WAC 480-80-122, and that the revisions become effective December 24, 2021. PSE requests less than statutory notice because the work to enhance the billing system and website to accept customer enrollment will be completed ahead of schedule.
- 3 Commission staff (Staff) reviewed the Company’s filing and recommends the Commission grant the Petition.

DISCUSSION

- 4 We agree with Staff’s recommendation. WAC 480-80-122 allows the Commission to grant less than statutory notice when a company provides good cause.
- 5 The tariff revision makes available a renewable natural gas (RNG) service earlier than the existing tariff allows. Because it has no impact and makes the product available earlier than anticipated, we find the tariff change is reasonable and in the public interest.

6 Since the proposed tariff revisions appear to be fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient, 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 December 24, 2021.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with
the authority to regulate the rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities,
transfers of property, and affiliated interests of public service companies,
including electric companies.
- 8 (2) PSE is a gas company and a public service company subject to Commission
jurisdiction.
- 9 (3) PSE is subject to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121, which require gas
companies to file changes in any rate, charge, or service with 30 days' notice. For
good cause shown, however, the Commission may allow changes without
requiring 30 days' notice by order specifying the changes to be made and the time
when the Order shall take effect. WAC 480-80-122.
- 10 (4) Staff has reviewed PSE's request in Docket UG-210952 and recommends the
Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice.
- 11 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
December 23, 2021.
- 12 (6) After reviewing PSE's proposed tariff revisions filed on December 10, 2021, and
giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the
Commission finds the proposed tariff revisions should become effective
December 24, 2021.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) Puget Sound Energy's request for less than statutory notice is GRANTED.

- 14 (2) The tariff revisions Puget Sound Energy filed on December 10, 2021, will be effective on December 24, 2021.

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

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective December 23, 2021.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Executive Director and Secretary