

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

<p>In the Matter of</p> <p>PUGET SOUND ENERGY,</p> <p>Petitioner,</p> <p>For An Order Approving Second Amendment to the Service Area Agreement</p>	<p>DOCKET UE-220253</p> <p>ORDER 01</p> <p>GRANTING PETITION</p>
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 8, 2022, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed a Petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for an order amending its service territory agreement under RCW 54.48.030 between PSE and Tanner Electric Cooperative (Tanner).
- 2 PSE is an investor-owned utility serving approximately 1.2 million customers in western Washington, including, but not limited to, parts of King and Pierce Counties. Tanner is an electric cooperative corporation serving customers in and near the City of North Bend and around Ames Lake in the vicinity of the City of Redmond in King County and on Anderson Island in Pierce County, State of Washington.
- 3 Pursuant to RCW 54.48.030, a public utility is authorized to enter into agreements with “any one or more other public utility or one or more other cooperative for the designation of the boundaries of adjoining service areas.” Such agreements are subject to Commission approval pursuant to RCW 54.48.030.
- 4 PSE and Tanner previously entered into a Service Area Agreement that was approved by the Commission in Docket UE-120025 on January 26, 2012.
- 5 King County is currently replacing a bridge crossing Ames Creek in rural unincorporated King County. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2023. PSE and Tanner are required to have their relocation work completed by the end of 2022.

6 Both PSE and Tanner have identified a single customer that will be impacted by the construction project. Both parties agree that transferring service of the customer to Tanner would result in the most effective, efficient, and economical service.

7 To complete the transfer, PSE is requesting an amendment to the existing Service Area Agreement. This amendment adds a PSE Service Exception Premise to Part B of Exhibit C to the Service Area Agreement.

8 No electric facilities are being transferred by PSE to Tanner.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

9 The amended agreement between PSE and Tanner is substantially similar to the prior agreement, essentially maintaining the existing service area boundaries except for the services related to a single customer. Having reviewed the Petition and the requested service area agreement, the Commission agrees that the amended Service Area Agreement is consistent with the legislative policy set forth in RCW 54.48. The objectives and purposes specified in RCW 54.48 would be reasonably achieved by approval of the amended Service Area Agreement and the continuation of this service area agreement is in the public interest. We therefore approve the Petition.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 10 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including electric and gas companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.28, RCW 80.08, and RCW 80.12.
- 11 (2) PSE is engaged in the business of providing electric and gas services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the provisions of RCW 80.28.
- 12 (3) Agreements for the designation of the boundaries of adjoining service areas are subject to Commission approval pursuant to RCW 54.48.030.
- 13 (4) The agreement between PSE and Tanner to amend the service area boundaries is consistent with the public interest and provides for the most safe, efficient, and economical provision of service for the affected customer.

- 14 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 28, 2022.
- 15 (6) Nothing herein shall be construed to waive or otherwise impair the jurisdiction of this Commission over the rates, services, accounts, and practices of PSE.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 16 (1) The second amendment by Puget Sound Energy in the aforesaid Service Area Agreement is approved pursuant to the provisions and requirements of RCW 54.48.030.
- 17 (4) 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 April 28, 2022.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AMANDA MAXWELL
Executive Director and Secretary