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Please include this is Docket UG-230470.

Thank you

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Andrew, thank you for your reply. I appreciate it.

When in doubt, transparency needs to prevail. I hope the Commission will do the right thing and allow PSE to show this carbon reduction charge as a line item on PSE's billings, just as other taxes are already similarly delineated. Why should a rate payer be kept in the dark? I believe the Commission is not giving rate payers any credit alleging line items are "lengthy and confusing". That's nonsense – just look at any bill from telecommunications purveyors. Taxes and fees are delineated therein on multiple billing lines.

Thank you again.

Al Compaan
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From: Andrew Roberts <andrew.roberts@utc.wa.gov>
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Hello Al,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the Climate Commitment Act tariff filing from Puget Sound Energy.

Commission rules require regulated natural gas utilities to issue notice to the public of any tariff change that would increase charges or restrict access to services. PSE complied with

this requirement on June 15, 2023, when it issued paid advertisements in nine area newspapers including The Seattle Times, The Tacoma News Tribune, The Olympian, Everett Herald, and The Bellingham Herald. On the same date additional press releases were issued to The Seattle Times, Q13 Fox News, and KIRO Radio. These actions, along with providing notice to community agencies throughout PSE's service territory, fulfilled the customer notice requirement. A copy of the customer notice can be found at:

<https://apiproxy.utc.wa.gov/cases/GetDocument?docID=15&year=2023&docketNumber=230470>

At the July 21, 2023, Open Meeting the Commission heard arguments both in support of making the carbon reduction charge a separate line item and arguments in support of incorporating the charge into existing line items. At the Open Meeting the Commission noted that it is unusual for a program to appear as a separate line item on utility bills, but that the carbon reduction charge is more significant than typical program charges contained in utility bill line items. The Commission agreed with points made by commenters, that if all program charges were included as line items on customer bills the bill would quickly become lengthy and confusing. The carbon reduction charge goes into effect Oct. 1, 2023, through Dec. 31, 2023. When PSE files a request for recovery of Climate Commitment Act costs incurred after Dec. 31, 2023, the commission will review that proposal and customers are encouraged to submit comment or feedback during that review.

To view program changes included in the various bill line items PSE maintains a price list at: <https://www.pse.com/en/pages/rates/schedule-summaries#sort=%40documentdate%20descending>

In paragraph 23 of the Commission's Order, it notes that the tariff schedule is the first of its kind and that the revisions require further development, as such the Commission's determination is not precedential.

All information relating to the case is available on Utilities and Transportation Commission's website at: <https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2023/230470>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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