

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET UE-121351
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)	ORDER 01
PUGET SOUND ENERGY,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING
Connection with Tariff Revision)	TARIFF REVISION
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 15, 2012, Puget Sound Energy, (PSE or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to Schedule 448, Power Supplier Choice, and Schedule 449, Retail Wheeling Service, to update the definitions of ancillary services and loss factors. The schedules now coincide with PSE’s Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). The reclassification of 115 kV facilities (high voltage distribution facilities) was allowed in the Commission’s Docket No. U-111701. Following the Commission’s order in Docket No. U-111701, on January 6, 2012, PSE submitted changes in its OATT to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Docket No. ER12-778 to reflect the reclassification of 115 kV facilities from wholesale distribution to transmission and to incorporate the costs of such facilities into a single OATT transmission rate. As part of the changes to the OATT, the loss factor was consolidated into a single loss factor since there would no longer be wholesale distribution class separate from the transmission class. This change in the OATT, if not mirrored in Schedules 448 and 449 would result in doubling the losses billed.
- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require thirty days’ notice to customers prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheet bears an effective date of September 15, 2012. This date recognizes the required 30-day statutory notice. However, the Company requests less than statutory notice as permitted by WAC 480-80-122, and that the revision become effective September 1, 2012. PSE requests less than statutory notice to prevent double billing of losses to customers on Schedules 448 and 449.

3 Staff recommends the proposed tariff revision be allowed to go into effect on less than
statutory notice on September 1, 2012. A companion filing in Docket UE-121263 revises
rates to avoid double billing for Schedules 448 and 449.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation 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. RCW
80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.
- 5 (2) Puget Sound Energy is an electric company and a public service company subject
to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) Puget Sound Energy is subject to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121, which
require gas companies to file changes in any rate or charges with thirty days'
notice. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may allow changes
without requiring thirty days' notice by order specifying the changes to be made
and the time when it shall take effect. RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-122.
- 7 (4) Staff has reviewed PSE's request in Docket UE-121351 and recommends the
Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice.
- 8 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
August 30, 2012.
- 9 (6) After reviewing PSE's proposed tariff revision filed on August 15, 2012, and
giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the
Commission finds the proposed tariff revision should become effective
September 1, 2012.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Puget Sound Energy, request for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 11 (2) The tariff revisions Puget Sound Energy, filed on August 15, 2012, will be effective on September 1, 2012.

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

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 30, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary