

IMPORTANT NOTICE OF PROPOSED NATURAL GAS RATE CHANGE

May 3, 2023

Dear Customer,

Puget Sound Energy (PSE), on April 17, 2023, filed a request with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to increase rates under its natural gas Schedule 1 Tax Adjustment, effective June 3, 2023. This request follows the City of Kenmore's February 14, 2023 passage of Ordinance No. 23-0570 which increased its utility tax on the gross revenues of natural gas utilities from four to six percent.

The UTC allows PSE to increase the amount it charges customers to recover the cost of a municipal utility tax levy, along with additional taxes, fees and expenses associated with the collection of the municipal utility tax. With these adjustments, PSE made this filing in order to update the current rate of 4.360 percent to 6.686 percent, a 2.326 percent increase. The typical residential gas customer using an average of 64 therms per month would see an average monthly increase of \$2.07. This charge is shown on your PSE statement as *Effect of Kenmore City Tax*. Natural gas customers are billed monthly.

Bill assistance programs are available to qualified customers who need help with their energy bills. PSE customers can go online to <http://www.pse.com/en/account-and-billing/assistance-programs> or call **1-888-225-5773** to learn if they are eligible. Payment plans are also available.

The UTC will review the filing and has the authority to set final rates that may vary from PSE's request, either higher or lower, or structured differently, depending on the results of its review. To comment to the UTC on PSE's requested rate change: use the online comment form at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment>; email comments@utc.wa.gov; phone **1-888-333-9882**; or write to P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504-7250. Please include your name, mailing address, the name of the company (PSE), and natural gas docket number. If you have questions about the UTC's process, please contact the UTC using one of the above methods. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in the Open Meeting, please contact the Commission at **1-888-333-9882** or email consumer@utc.wa.gov.

The public is represented by the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Attorney General's office and can be reached by writing to Public Counsel, Assistant Attorney General, 800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98104-3188, or by emailing utility@atg.wa.gov.

To contact PSE about this proposal: email customercare@pse.com; call **1-888-225-5773** (TTY: **1-800-962-9498**); or write to Puget Sound Energy, ATTN: Customer Care, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA, 98009-9734. Proposed requests can be found online at <https://www.pse.com/pages/rates/pending-utc-filings>.

Sincerely,

Puget Sound Energy