

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PUGET SOUND ENERGY CUSTOMERS ABOUT CHANGES IN ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS RATES

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) recently filed requests with the state Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to adjust electric and natural gas rates. The requested changes, effective on October 1, 2024, include:

- Electric Schedule 81 & Natural Gas Schedule 1 – Tax Adjustment:** The UTC increased the Regulatory Fee it charges PSE from 0.4 percent to 0.5 percent. The UTC allows PSE to increase the amount it charges customers for a municipal utility tax levy, to recover other state fees and taxes along with the costs associated with collection of the municipal utility tax. This is shown on customer bills as the Effect of City Tax and includes the municipal utility tax ordinance rate, the Washington State Public Utility Tax, the UTC Regulatory Fee, and additional bad debt expenses associated with the collection of the municipal utility tax. PSE does not profit from passing through these adjustments. The proposed changes include updates to the applicable rates for 84 cities in Schedule 81 and 74 cities in Schedule 1. Information about the impact of the proposed changes by city can be found at [www.pse.com/en/pages/rates/news-and-filings](http://www.pse.com/en/pages/rates/news-and-filings). Based on the proposed rates, a typical residential electric customer using 800 kWh per month would see an average monthly increase of \$0.01 and a typical residential natural gas customer using 64 therms per month would see an average monthly increase of \$0.01.
- Electric & Natural Gas Schedule 129 – Low Income Program:** An overall decrease of 1.14% in electric rates and an overall decrease in natural gas rates of 4.53% is requested through the existing low income assistance mechanism previously approved by the UTC, which allows PSE to periodically adjust its electric and natural gas rates to reflect changes in actual sales and costs. The proposed adjustments would be reflected in the Electricity charge listed on the electric statement and in the Delivery charge listed on the natural gas statement. Based on the proposed rates, a typical residential electric customer using 800 kWh per month would see an average monthly decrease of \$1.59 and a typical residential natural gas customer using 64 therms per month would see an average monthly decrease of \$4.62.
- Electric Schedule 95 – Power Cost Adjustment Clause:** A proposed increase to electric bills through an existing Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) mechanism which allows utilities to adjust rates, up or down, to reflect fluctuations in the price of electricity in the wholesale market. Overall, this filing proposes a 1.81% rate increase. Based on the proposed rates, a typical residential electric customer using 800 kWh per month would see an average monthly increase of \$2.31.

The overall average changes for electric and natural gas customers are as follows:

## EFFECTS ON TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

ELECTRIC SERVICE	Current Bill	Bill Effective October 1, 2024
Basic Charge—One Phase	\$7.49	\$7.49
Energy—First 600 kWh	\$76.40	\$76.94
Energy—Over 600 kWh	\$29.35	\$29.53
Total Bill at 800 kWh per month	\$113.24	\$113.96

NATURAL GAS SERVICE	Current Bill	Bill Effective October 1, 2024
Basic Charge	\$12.50	\$12.50
Energy—All therms	\$78.61	\$73.99
Total Bill at 64 therms per month	\$91.11	\$86.49

## ELECTRIC SCHEDULE

Type of Service	Current Average Average Eff. October 1, 2024		
	Rate per kWh	Rate per kWh	Change
Residential—Schedules 7, 307, 317, 327	\$0.144221	\$0.145116	0.62% increase
Secondary Voltage (50 kW or less)—Schedules 8, 24, 324	\$0.140701	\$0.142361	1.18% increase
Secondary Voltage (over 50 kW to 350 kW)—Schedules 7A, 11, 25	\$0.131435	\$0.133268	1.39% increase
Secondary Voltage (over 350 kW)—Schedules 12, 26P, 26	\$0.119948	\$0.121920	1.64% increase
Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping—Schedule 29	\$0.117919	\$0.121567	3.09% increase
Primary Voltage General—Schedules 10, 31	\$0.116052	\$0.117936	1.62% increase
Primary Voltage Irrigation—Schedule 35	\$0.093007	\$0.095800	3.00% increase
Interruptible Total Electric Schools—Schedule 43	\$0.118067	\$0.118681	0.52% increase
High Voltage Interruptible—Schedule 46	\$0.089316	\$0.092256	3.29% increase
High Voltage General—Schedule 49	\$0.093734	\$0.096588	3.04% increase
Lighting (Area & Street)—Schedules 50-59	\$0.350071	\$0.349840	0.07% decrease
Choice/Retail Wheeling—Schedules 448-459	\$0.006512	\$0.006504	0.12% decrease
Special Contracts	\$0.020240	\$0.020240	No Change

## NATURAL GAS SCHEDULE

Type of Service	Current Average Average Eff. October 1, 2024		
	Rate per Therm	Rate per Therm	Change
Residential—Schedules 23, 53	\$1.37822	\$1.30602	5.24% decrease
Commercial & Industrial—Schedule 31	\$1.23101	\$1.18594	3.66% decrease
Large Volume—Schedule 41	\$0.84321	\$0.82723	1.90% decrease
Interruptible—Schedule 85	\$0.62366	\$0.61791	0.92% decrease
Limited Interruptible—Schedule 86	\$0.73339	\$0.72036	1.78% decrease
Non-exclusive Interruptible—Schedule 87	\$0.44989	\$0.44756	0.52% decrease
Commercial & Industrial Transportation—Schedule 31T	\$1.23101	\$1.18594	3.66% decrease
Large Volume Transportation—Schedule 41T	\$0.39256	\$0.37658	4.07% decrease
Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 85T	\$0.25275	\$0.24725	2.18% decrease
Limited Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 86T	\$0.34148	\$0.32845	3.82% decrease
Non-exclusive Interruptible Transportation—Schedule 87T	\$0.07187	\$0.07004	2.55% decrease
Exclusive Interruptible Transportation - Schedule 88T	\$0.13923	\$0.13795	0.92% decrease
Gas Lighting—Schedule 16	\$1.27897	\$1.27897	No Change
Special Contracts	\$0.09582	\$0.09582	No Change

Note: The figures above represent averages by rate schedule including the basic charge. Individual customers will see a change that is greater or lesser than what is shown, depending on the amount of usage and participation in optional services or bill assistance programs. Most electric customers and all natural gas customers are billed monthly. Some electric customers are billed every other month. During the UTC's consideration of these proposed rates, other rates may change due to pending or previously approved rate filings.

To contact PSE about these proposals: email [customer@pse.com](mailto:customer@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. Each of the proposed requests can be accessed at [pse.com/pages/rates/pending-utc-filings](http://pse.com/pages/rates/pending-utc-filings). Bill assistance programs are available to qualified customers who need help with their energy bills. PSE customers can go to [pse.com/assistance](http://pse.com/assistance) or call 1-888-225-5773 to learn if they are eligible. Payment plans are also available.

The UTC will review each filing and has the authority to set final rates that may vary from PSE's requests, either higher or lower or structured differently, depending on the results of its review. To comment to the UTC on PSE's requested rate changes: use the online comment form at [www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment](http://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment); email [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto: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 docket(s) 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](mailto:consumer@utc.wa.gov).

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