

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET UG-100398
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY,)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING
Connection with Tariff Revisions)	A TARIFF REVISION
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On March 8, 2010, Puget Sound Energy, (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a revision to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, designated as Seventeenth Revision of Sheet No. 101-B – Natural Gas Schedule No. 1, Tax Adjustment to update the tariff sheet to reflect the tax rate reduction associated with the City of Puyallup Business and Occupation Tax (Ordinance 2950).
- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require 30-day notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheet bears an effective date of April 8, 2010, which 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 tariff revision become effective April 1, 2010. PSE requests less than statutory notice because the company received late notice of this reduction in the tax rate from the City of Puyallup. PSE is requesting the tariff revision become effective on April 1, 2010, which is the same effective date as the reduction in tax rate.
- 3 PSE proposes to notify affected customers in the form of a bill insert following final disposition of this filing. A bill insert meets the customer notice requirements of both WAC 480-90-193 and 480-90-195.
- 4 Since the proposed tariff revision appears to be fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, and less than statutory notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the Commission grant PSE’s request with an effective date of April 1, 2010.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (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 gas companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.*
- 6 (2) PSE is a gas company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) PSE is subject to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121, which require gas companies to file changes in any rate, charge or service with 30-days' notice to the Commission. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may allow changes without requiring 30-days' notice by order specifying the changes to be made and the time when the Order shall take effect. *WAC 480-80-122.*
- 8 (4) Staff has reviewed PSE's request in Docket UG-100398 and recommends the Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice to be effective April 1, 2010.
- 9 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 25, 2010.
- 10 (6) After reviewing PSE's proposed tariff revision filed on March 8, 2010, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed tariff revision should become effective April 1, 2010.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) Puget Sound Energy's request for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 12 (2) The tariff revision Puget Sound Energy filed on March 8, 2010, will be effective on April 1, 2010.

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 March 25, 2010.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary