

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UG-140123
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY,)	
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For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
Connection with Tariff Revisions)	STATUTORY NOTICE
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On January 23, 2014, Puget Sound Energy, (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a reduction to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, designated as 146th Revision of Sheet 101-A, Tax Adjustment (Continued). The purpose of the filing is to reflect the repeal of the municipal tax on utility service assessed within the City of Edgewood (City).

- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require thirty days’ notice to customers prior to the effective date of the tariff. Consistent with this requirement, the tariff sheet bears an effective date of February 23, 2014, but the Company requests that the revision become effective January 31, 2014, on less than statutory notice. PSE requests less than statutory notice to prevent the continued impact of the tax on customer billing and because the City’s repeal of the utility tax is effective February 3, 2014. Furthermore, the tariff revisions will have a net decrease on the bills of customers located within the City.

DISCUSSION

- 3 The Commission agrees that the proposed tariff revision should become effective on less than statutory notice. The reduction properly reflects repeal of the City’s municipal tax, and customers should not be required to pay a tax that no longer will be in effect as of February 3, 2014. Accordingly, the Commission grants PSE ’s request for an effective date of January 31, 2014.

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, and practices of public service companies, including electric companies.
- 5 (2) PSE is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) Electric companies must provide 30 days' notice of any changes to their rates, charges, or services. 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 the Order shall take effect.
- 7 (4) PSE reasonably requests less than statutory notice for its proposed reduction in rates to reflect the City of Edgewood's repeal of its municipal tax on electric service.
- 8 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 30, 2014.
- 9 (6) After reviewing PSE's proposed tariff revision filed on January 23, 2014, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed tariff revision should be allowed to become effective January 31, 2014.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Puget Sound Energy's request for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 11 (2) The tariff revision Puget Sound Energy filed on January 23, 2014, will be effective on January 31, 2014.

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 January 30, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary