

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of  
  
PUGET SOUND ENERGY,  
  
Petitioner,  
  
For Less Than Statutory Notice in  
Connection with Tariff Revisions

DOCKET UE-180069  
  
ORDER 01  
  
ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN  
STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING  
TARIFF REVISIONS

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On January 19, 2018, Puget Sound Energy, (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, designated as 96th Revision of Sheet No. 81-A and 11<sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 81-C. The purpose of this filing is to extend the current City of Medina 6 percent utility tax rate through to January 31, 2019, per City Ordinance 951.
- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require 30 days' notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of February 19, 2018. This date recognizes the required 30-day statutory notice. The Company requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted by WAC 480-80-122, and that the revisions become effective January 31, 2018. PSE requests less than statutory notice because the City of Medina 6 percent utility tax rate continues to be effective after January 31, 2018, and PSE only became aware of Ordinance 951 sometime around January 18, 2018. This request will allow PSE to implement the City of Medina's utility tax rate on the effective date of the ordinance.
- 3 WAC 480-100-194 requires notice to customers or publication of the increase sought in this filing. Granting PSE's less than statutory notice request also requires an exemption from WAC 480-100-194. For the same reason PSE identified for seeking less than statutory notice, the Company seeks an exemption from the notice requirements. PSE proposes to post notify customers through a bill message.
- 4 The tariff revisions to extend the current City of Medina 6 percent utility tax rate through to January 31, 2019, are necessary in order for PSE to continue to collect the 6 percent utility tax from affected ratepayers. PSE's current tariff sunsets the 6 percent utility tax rate on January 31, 2018.

5 Commission Staff (Staff) has reviewed the Company's filing and believes that granting  
the Company's request for less than statutory notice is in the public interest.

### DISCUSSION

6 We grant the Company's request. Since the proposed tariff revisions appear 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 January 31, 2018.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (1) The 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.
- 8 (2) PSE is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission  
jurisdiction.
- 9 (3) PSE is subject to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121, which require electric  
companies to file changes in any rate, charge or service with 30 days' notice. 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.
- 10 (4) Staff has reviewed PSE's request in Docket UE-180069 and recommends the  
Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice. Staff  
further recommends the Commission grant an exemption from WAC 480-100-  
194 and require PSE to post notify customers through a bill message.
- 11 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on  
January 25, 2018.
- 12 (6) After reviewing PSE's proposed tariff revisions filed on January 19, 2018, and  
giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the  
Commission finds the proposed tariff revisions should become effective January 31,  
2018.

- 13 (7) The Commission also finds PSE should be granted an exemption from the customer notice requirements.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 14 (1) Puget Sound Energy's request for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 15 (2) After the effective date of this Order, Puget Sound Energy is granted an exemption from WAC 480-100-194, which requires notice to customers of proposed changes to increase charges or restrict access in service. Puget Sound Energy must provide notice to customers through a bill message sent out to affected customers' in their next bill.
- 16 (3) The tariff revisions Puget Sound Energy filed on January 19, 2018, will be effective on January 31, 2018.

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 25, 2018.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary