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A. UTILITIES

Item	Docket	Company Description
1.	UE-240191	Puget Sound Energy
		Petition for approval of the independent evaluator for the Company's requests for proposals to acquire energy resources, in accordance with WAC 480-107-023(2).
		Petition
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2. UG-240141 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

Revises Tariff WN U-3 to establish Schedule 700 - Temporary Climate Commitment Act (CCA) Rate Adjustment, for the purpose of passing through to ratepayers the Company's CCA compliance costs and revenues accrued through December 31, 2024. Net recoverable CCA compliance costs are \$31.25 million. An average non-low-income residential ratepayer using 55 therms per month would see an increase of \$2.83 per month, or 3.69 percent. Known low-income ratepayers would receive a credit that fully offsets the CCA charge rate resulting in a \$0.00 charge to those ratepayers.

Tariff Revision

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3. UW-240163 Community Water Service of Dungeness Heights, LLC

Proposed general rate increase that would generate approximately \$9,900 (14 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company serves 133 domestic customers on one water system near Sequim located in Clallam County. The Company's last general rate case became effective April 1, 2019.

Tariff Revision

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4. UW-240203 Roche Harbor Water System

Proposed general rate increase that would generate approximately \$89,000 (13.4 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company serves 634 customers in Friday Harbor, in San Juan County. The Company's last general rate case became effective May 1, 2021.

Tariff Revision

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B. TRANSPORTATION

Item	Docket	Company Description	
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1. TG-240111 Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc.

General rate increase request that, as originally filed, would have generated approximately \$263,614 (83 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage services. Staff and the Company have agreed to a lower additional annual revenue amount of approximately \$248,701 (78 percent) resulting in lower revised rates. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 235 residential, commercial, and roll off garbage customers in Benton County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on August 1, 2008.

Tariff Revision

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2. TG-240147 Rabanco Ltd.

General rate increase request for Rabanco Ltd. d/b/a Eastside Disposal that generates approximately \$534,269 (7.08 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage, recycling, yard waste services. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 29,000 residential and commercial garbage, recycling, and yard waste customers in King County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on May 1, 2023.

Tariff Revision

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3. TG-240177 Island Disposal, Inc.

A compliance filing from Island Disposal Inc., set forth in Order 02 of Docket TG-220100, which is a general rate increase request that generates approximately \$0 (0 percent) total additional annual revenue. This request increases roll-off rates by approximately 6.95 percent while reducing residential rates by 1.01 percent and reducing commercial rates by 0.37 percent for the collection of garbage services. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 12,700 residential, 975 commercial, and 130 roll-off customers in Island County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on April 1, 2022.

Tariff Revision

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4. TG-240180 Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc.

General rate increase request that, as originally filed, would have generated approximately \$1,056,500 (9.4 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage, recycling, and yard waste services. Staff and the Company have agreed to a lower additional annual revenue amount of approximately \$838,000 (7.4 percent) resulting in lower revised rates. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 17,500 residential, 15,850 recycling, 300 multifamily recycling, 500 yard waste, 2,700 commercial, and 120 roll-off customers in Lewis and Thurston counties. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on September 1, 2020.

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C. OTHER

D. RECESSED

E. CONSENT

Item	Docket	Company Description	
1.	UE-161204	Pacific Power & Light Company	
		Request for approval of stranded cost recovery fee for departing customer, as directed by Order 09.	
		Tariff Revision	
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Petition to during the notified the 2023 pend Coast Gua		San Juan Express, Inc. DBA San Juan Express	
		Petition to temporarily discontinue commercial passenger ferry service during the 2024 summer sailing season. The Company has previously notified the Commission of discontinuance of service for 2022 and 2023 pending capital improvements to their boat in accordance with US Coast Guard requirements. The Company provides commercial ferry service between Seattle and Friday Harbor.	
		Petition	
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3. UG-230803 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

Application to Amend Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Certificate

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4. UE-240138 Puget Sound Energy

Revises Tariff WN U-60, Schedule 120, electric conservation rider mechanism, increasing rates by \$23.9 million. If allowed to go into effect, a residential customer using an average of 800 kWh per month would see a monthly bill increase of \$0.84 (0.77 percent).

Tariff Revision

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5. TG-240157 Columbia River Disposal, Inc.

Less than statutory notice request for Tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$24,350 (5.02 percent) additional annual revenue to recover the increased cost of disposal fees set by Skamania County. On May 1, 2024, disposal fees will increase from \$89.38 per ton to \$93.87 per ton at the Skamania Transfer Station. The Company serves approximately 2,665 garbage customers in Skamania County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on April 1, 2018.

Tariff Revision

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6. TG-240176 Mason County Garbage Co., Inc.

Less than statutory notice request for Tariff revisions for a \$0.19 increase (debit increase from \$2.01 to \$2.20) per month for residential recycling customers. The Company serves approximately 16,000 residential recycling customers in Mason County.

Tariff Revision

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7. TG-240245 Columbia River Disposal, Inc.

Less than statutory notice to revise Tariff No. 13, for Special Fuel Surcharge Supplement No. 16 in the amount of 0.51 percent. To be effective May 1, 2024, and expire on May 31, 2024. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection to approximately 2,000 customers in Klickitat County. The Company's last general rate case became effective April 1, 2018.

Fuel Surcharge Tariff

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8. TC-240259 BML Investments LLC

Petition for Partial Discontinuance of Service under WAC 480-30-486(2).

Petition

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F. NO ACTION

Item	Docket	Re/Filed Effective	Company Description
1.	UG-240139	3/1/2024	Puget Sound Energy
		5/1/2024	Revises Tariff WN U-2, Schedule 120, gas conservation rider mechanism, increasing rates by \$5.3 million. If allowed to go into effect, a residential customer using an average of 64 therms per month would see a monthly bill increase of \$0.50 (0.62 percent).
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2.	TC-240158	3/6/2024	Beeline Tours LTD.
		5/1/2024	Tariff revisions to Tariff No. 6, requesting a 5 percent increase for flexible fares as allowed in WAC 480-30-420. The Company provides scheduled reservation only auto transportation service between points in King County and the cruise ship terminal and SeaTac International airport.
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3.	UG-240178	3/15/2024	Northwest Natural Gas Company
		4/29/2024	Revises Tariff WN U-6 to update the type of meter testing equipment that the Company will be using as listed in Schedule M – Meter Testing Procedures (Schedule M). The revision provides housekeeping changes as well, clarifying its use of third-party testing laboratories in compliance with WAC 480-90-343(1)(c), and updating a reference to WAC 480-90-171 that was renumbered in 2001 to WAC 480-90-348.
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4.	TC-240179	3/15/2024	BML Investments LLC
		5/1/2024	Tariff revisions to Tariff No. 5, requesting a 5 percent increase for flexible fares as allowed in WAC 480-30-420. The Company provides scheduled reservation only auto transportation service between Pangborn Memorial Airport and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, with intermediate stops at Wenatchee, Peshastin, North Bend, and Bellevue. The Company is also making an administrative correction to remove routes from its certificate and tariff.
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5.	UE-240194	3/22/2024	Puget Sound Energy
		5/1/2024	Revises Tariff WN U-60, Schedule 129, to increase the total funds for benefits available to customers for the remainder of the 2023-2024 Low Income Program Year. This filing results in an overall increase of \$29.233 million. Residential customers with an average monthly usage of 600 kWh will see an increase to their monthly bill of \$3.45, or 3.16 percent.
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6. UG-240195

3/22/2024

Puget Sound Energy

5/1/2024

Revises Tariff WN U-2, Schedule 129, to increase the total funds for benefits available to customers for the remainder of the 2023-2024 Low Income Program Year. This filing results in an overall increase of \$10.163 million. Residential customers with an average monthly usage of 64 therms will see an increase to their monthly bill of \$5.10, or 6.32 percent.

Tariff Revision

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7. UE-240200

3/25/2024

Puget Sound Energy

5/1/2024

Revises Tariff WN U-60 to implement changes to rates under the established Property Tax Tracker, as provided in the Commission's Order 07 (Final Order Granting Petition) in Dockets UE-121697 and UG-121705 (consolidated) and the Commission's Order 07 (Final Order Authorizing Rates) in Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138 (consolidated) (Order 07) and the Commission's Final Order Settlement Stipulation and Agreement in Dockets UE-220066, UG-220067, and UG-210918 (consolidated). Schedule 140 includes a mechanism for adjusting rates annually, both up and down; to pass through the costs of property taxes consistent with the amounts the Company pays. A typical residential customer using 800 kWh per month would experience a \$0.81 decrease or 0.74 percent decrease in their monthly bill.

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8. UG-240201

3/25/2024

Puget Sound Energy

5/1/2024

Revises Tariff WN U-2 to implement changes to rates under the established Property Tax Tracker, as provided in the Commission's Order 07 (Final Order Granting Petition) in Dockets UE-121697 and UG-121705 (consolidated) which was combined with the Commission's Order 07 (Final Order Authorizing Rates) in Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138 (consolidated) (Order 07) and the Commission's Final Order Settlement Stipulation and Agreement in Dockets UE-220066, UG-220067, and UG-210918 (consolidated). Supplemental Schedule 140 includes a mechanism for adjusting rates annually, both up and down; to pass through the costs of property taxes consistent with the amounts the Company pays. A typical residential customer using 64 therms per month would experience a \$0.40 decrease or 0.50 percent decrease in their monthly bill.

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9. UE-240205

3/26/2024

Puget Sound Energy

5/1/2024

Revises Tariff WN U-60, the purpose of this tariff filing is to establish a new tariff schedule, Schedule 141PFG Participatory Funding Grants Rate Adjustment, which will allow PSE to recover the costs of the Washington Participatory Funding Agreement (Agreement) as provided for in RCW 80.28.430(3). The Agreement makes funds available to qualified parties to enable them to advocate on behalf of broad customer interests in proceedings before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, while prioritizing organizations representing vulnerable populations and highly impacted communities, as those terms are defined in RCW 19.405.020(23) and .020(40). The impact on a residential customer with typical usage of 800 kWh per month would be an increase of \$0.01 per month, or 0.01 percent.

Tariff Revision

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10. UG-240206

3/26/2024

Puget Sound Energy

5/1/2024

Revises Tariff WN U-2, the purpose of this tariff filing is to establish a new tariff schedule, Supplemental Schedule 141PFG Participatory Funding Grants Rate Adjustment, which will allow PSE to recover the costs of the Washington Participatory Funding Agreement (Agreement) as provided for in RCW 80.28.430(3). The Agreement makes funds available to qualified parties to enable them to advocate on behalf of broad customer interests in proceedings before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, while prioritizing organizations representing vulnerable populations and highly impacted communities, as those terms are defined in RCW 19.405.020(23) and .020(40). The impact on a residential customer with typical usage of 64 therms per month would be an increase of \$0.01 per month, or 0.01 percent.

Tariff Revision

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11. UE-240221

3/29/2024

Puget Sound Energy

5/1/2024

Revises Tariff WN U-60 to implement changes to rates under the established Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Mechanism, as provided in the Commission's Order 10 in Dockets UE-220066 and UG-220067 (consolidated). Electric Schedule 142 adjusts rates, both up and down, for customers receiving service under Schedules 7, 7A, 8, 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26, 29, 31, 35, 43, 307, 317, 324, 327 and special contracts (Decoupled Customers). A typical residential customer using 800 Kwh per month will experience an increase of 0.57 percent or \$0.62 per month.

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12.	UG-240222	3/29/2024	Puget Sound Energy
		5/1/2024	Revises Tariff WN U-2 to implement changes to rates under the established Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Mechanism, as provided in the Commission's Order 10 in Dockets UE-220066 and UG-220067 (consolidated). Natural Gas Schedule 142 adjusts rates, both up and down, for customers receiving service under Schedules 23, 53, 31, 31T, 41, 41T, 86 and 86T (Decoupled Customers). The typical residential customer using 64 therms will experience an increase of 3.02 percent or \$2.44 per month.
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13.	TL-240244	3/28/2024	US Ecology Washington, Inc.
		5/1/2024	Revises Tariff No 1, increasing rates previously filed and allowed in Docket TL-230222 to include actual data for October, November, and December, 2023. The filing is pursuant to the Settlement Agreement in Docket TL-070848. The Company provides low-level radioactive waste disposal statewide.
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14.	TC-240246	3/28/2024	Bremerton-Kitsap Airporter, Inc.
		5/1/2024	Tariff revisions to Tariff No. 6, requesting a 5 percent increase for flexible fares as allowed in WAC 480-30-420. The Company provides scheduled auto transportation service between points in Kitsap County and Pierce County, and the cruise ship terminal and SeaTac International airport.
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15.	UW-240247	4/11/2024	Washington Water Service Company
		5/11/2024	Line extension contract to complete the tap and extension of the water main on 198th Street E and 126th Avenue E. This extension is on the Southwood water system in Pierce County.
			Contract
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