

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY
Natural Gas Tariff**

**SCHEDULE 171
OPTIONAL NON-COMMUNICATING METER SERVICE**

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SECTION 1 - AVAILABILITY:

- 1. Throughout the territory served by the Company, at the request of a Customer served under Schedule 23 who resides in a single-family detached dwelling or a multi-plex residence up to four units. For each eligible meter requested, the Company may provide Gas Service through a non-communicating meter ("NCM") as a substitute for a meter with Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") module. The requesting Customer must meet the requirements and responsibilities for service outlined in this tariff schedule.
- 2. The optional service under this Schedule will be available to Customers on and after July 1, 2019.

SECTION 2 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 1. The Company will initiate the process to provide non-communicating meter service after it has received the Customer's signed, written request in the form set forth in Attachment A to this Schedule, Non-Communicating Metering Service Request ("Service Request") form. More detail regarding the timing of the Service Request is noted in Section 3.
- 2. Customer will be required to pay the ongoing administrative and operational costs associated with the manual reading of the non-communicating meter, and other fees and charges associated with the non-communicating metering service that may be assessed for each eligible meter, as noted in Section 4.
- 3. Customer may be required to pay a One-Time Charge associated with the initial installation, as specified in Section 3, which sets forth situations in which the Customer would be required to pay the One-Time Charge. The One-Time Charge is noted in Section 4.
- 4. Customer may request the Company discontinue the non-communicating meter service at any time as provided below:
 - a. Customer notice of such discontinuance must be given to the Company at least three days prior to the date of such change, and such notice shall be effective to terminate any obligation of the Company to render NCM service to that Customer after the date of such change. The outgoing Customer shall be held responsible for all service supplied at that premises until such notice has been received by the Company, except that service which is the responsibility of a subsequent Customer.

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SECTION 2 -TERMS AND CONDITIONS: (Continued)

- 4. (Continued)
 - b. A Customer may designate a third party to receive notice of termination or other matters affecting the provision of service. When the Company discovers that a Customer appears to be unable to comprehend the impact of a termination of service, the Company shall consider an appropriate social agency to be the third party. In either case, the Company will not effect termination of service until five business days after provision of notice to the third party.
 - c. There will be no charge to that Customer for the One-Time Charge of replacing a non-communicating meter with a communicating meter.
- 5. The Company may offer non-communicating meter service through a non-communicating meter that meets applicable meter accuracy standards.
- 6. Customer accounts with a non-communicating meter will be billed bi-monthly, based upon actual or estimated bi-monthly reads, along with other services provided by the Company at the service address, including electric services.
- 7. The Company is under no obligation to read the meter more frequently than once every two months.
- 8. The Company may refuse or revoke the installation of a non-communicating meter at the Customer's premises for reasons including but not limited to the following conditions:
 - a. no meter reading for four consecutive calendar months when safe access is not available for the Company's personnel and standard equipment;
 - b. current or past incidents of Customer meter tampering;
 - c. current or past incidents of Customer impeding the Company's access to meter to obtain meter reads, perform maintenance or to disconnect meter for non-payment of Gas Service; or
 - d. incidents of service disconnection for non-payment (of Customer's electric and/or natural gas accounts for communicating and/or non-communicating meters) twice within the prior 12-month period.
- 9. The Company may temporarily (for a period of two weeks or less) replace a non-communicating meter with a communicating AMI module for safety concerns or operational reasons (e.g. to restore an outage). In the event such temporary replacement is required, the Company will provide the Customer a notice at the time of the replacement.

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SECTION 3 - SERVICE REQUEST TIMELINE:

1. Customers who have informed the Company of their initial request ("Initial Request") to have a non-communicating meter will be contacted by the Company with a notification ("Notification") to submit a Non-Communicating Meter Service Request ("Service Request"), which is Attachment A to this Schedule. When the Initial Request is received by the Company, a temporary hold on installing an AMI module for these Customers will be put in place. These Customers will then have 60 calendar days after the Company's Notification to submit a fully completed and signed Service Request to the Company. If a Customer does not submit a completed and signed Service Request to the Company within the 60-calendar-day Notification period, the temporary hold on the installation of the AMI module will expire and the Company will install an AMI module at its own convenience. The One-Time Charge will be applied relative to a Customer Request as follows:
 - a. For Initial Request received by the Company prior to the effective date of this tariff schedule, One-Time Charge is not applicable. Customer has 60 calendar days from the date of Notification to submit a fully completed and signed Service Request to the Company.
 - b. For Initial Request received by the Company after the effective date of this tariff schedule and prior to the installation of an AMI meter at Customer Premises, One-Time Charge is not applicable. Customer has 60 calendar days from the date of Notification to submit a fully completed and signed Service Request to the Company.
 - c. For Initial Request made by a Customer at a Point of Delivery where an AMI meter is currently installed, One-Time Charge is applicable. Customer has 60 calendar days from the date of Notification to submit a fully completed and signed Service Request to the Company.
 - d. For Initial Request made by a Customer at a Point of Delivery where a NCM meter was installed for the preceding Customer, One-Time Charge is not applicable. Customer has 60 calendar days from the date of Notification to submit a fully completed and signed Service Request to the Company.

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SECTION 4 - CHARGES:

1. All payments for this optional service are in addition to other applicable Gas Service charges and Rule No. 6 line extension charges. Customers taking service under this optional tariff schedule will be charged the Additional Bi-Monthly Service Charge starting from the billing cycle subsequent to the installation of the non-communicating meter. All charges are not subject to proration or reduction.
 - a. Additional Bi-Monthly Service Charge every two months for each eligible meter: \$15 per NCM meter. This charge is subject to review by December 31, 2019.
 - b. One-Time Charge: \$50 for each NCM meter, if applicable.
 - c. Additional Disconnection/Reconnection NCM Charge: \$0 per event, if applicable.

SECTION 5 - ADJUSTMENTS:

1. Rates and charges in this schedule are subject to adjustment by such other schedules and supplemental schedules in this tariff as may apply.

SECTION 6 - SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. Customers can continue to participate in the existing Customer payment plan options 1) budget payment plan, 2) payment arrangements, and 3) bill-payment assistance through the Company's Schedule 129, Low Income Program.
2. A Customer receiving bill assistance benefits under Schedule 129, Low Income Program, may use such benefits to pay for charges under this Schedule 171. For Schedule 171 Customers who are receiving Schedule 129 benefits, the Company will increase the benefit amount for the applicable Schedule 171 charges for the remaining months of the current Schedule 129 program year.
3. A Customer taking service under this schedule will not be eligible for the following services:
 - a. Any demand response service;
 - b. Any other Schedule in this tariff, which itself states that a Customer is not eligible for that service if the Customer is also taking this Schedule 171 service.

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SECTION 7 - GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Service under this Schedule is subject to the rules and regulations contained in Company's tariff.

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ATTACHMENT A TO SCHEDULE 171, OPTIONAL NON-COMMUNICATING METER SERVICE

NON-COMMUNICATING METER SERVICE REQUEST

Customer Name: _____ **Customer Account No.:** _____
Email Address: _____ **Telephone No.:** _____

Non-Communicating Meter Service Request		
Service Address	Rate Schedule	Existing Meter No.
	23	
	23	
	23	
	23	

CERTIFICATION

I represent and warrant that I am the named, authorized person on the provided customer account. I read and understand the terms and conditions and the extra charges outlined in Schedule 171 about this optional non-communicating meter ("NCM") service. By signing this form, I am requesting PSE to provide the non-communicating meter service for each of the service address(es) listed above and I agree that, for each of the meter(s), my account will be assessed an on-going Additional Bi Monthly Service Charge of \$15 per meter every two months; and, if applicable, a One-Time Charge of \$50 per meter, and an Additional Disconnection/Reconnection NCM Charge per event, and any other future rates or charges allowed under this Schedule. I also understand and agree that, while taking service under this schedule, I will not be eligible for the following services: a) any demand response service; and b) any other Schedule in this tariff, which itself states that a Customer is not eligible for that service if the Customer is also taking Schedule 171 service.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please contact Puget Sound Energy at customercare@pse.com or 1-888-352-2503 for any questions or concerns.

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