

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PUGET SOUND ENERGY CUSTOMERS ABOUT CHANGES IN ELECTRIC RATES

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) recently filed a request with the state Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to adjust electric rates. The following proposal would increase rates for electric customers an overall average 0.96 percent, effective December 1, 2023.

**Power Cost Adjustment:** PSE has requested to increase electric bills through an existing Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) mechanism which allows utilities to adjust rates, up or down, to reflect fluctuations in the price of electricity. The increase is a true-up of the difference between the actual costs of electricity PSE purchased for its customers as of 2022 and the projected costs. The actual costs were higher than the projected costs.

The overall average changes for electric customers are as follows:

## EFFECTS ON TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

ELECTRIC SERVICE	Current Bill	Bill Effective Dec. 1, 2023
Basic Charge—One Phase	\$7.49	\$7.49
Energy—First 600 kWh	\$66.74	\$67.54
Energy—Over 600 kWh	\$26.13	\$26.40
Total Bill at 800 kWh per month	\$100.36	\$101.43

ELECTRIC SCHEDULE	Current Average	Average Eff. Dec. 1, 2023	
Type of Service	Rate per kWh	Rate per kWh	Change
Residential—Schedules 7, 307, 317, 327	\$0.128114	\$0.129460	1.05% increase
Secondary Voltage (50 kW or less)—Schedules 8,24, 324	\$0.128802	\$0.129867	0.83% increase
Secondary Voltage (over 50 kW to 350 kW)—Schedules 7A, 11, 25	\$0.125092	\$0.126153	0.85% increase
Secondary Voltage (over 350 kW)—Schedules 12, 26P, 26	\$0.115255	\$0.116154	0.78% increase
Seasonal Irrigation & Drainage Pumping—Schedule 29	\$0.110872	\$0.112623	1.58% increase
Primary Voltage General—Schedules 10, 31	\$0.112942	\$0.113989	0.93% increase
Primary Voltage Irrigation—Schedule 35	\$0.087854	\$0.089467	1.84% increase
Interruptible Total Electric Schools—Schedule 43	\$0.116095	\$0.117290	1.03% increase
High Voltage Interruptible—Schedule 46	\$0.080020	\$0.081843	2.28% increase
High Voltage General-Schedule 49	\$0.084381	\$0.085647	1.50% increase
Lighting (Area & Street)—Schedules 50–59	\$0.324121	\$0.325919	0.55% increase
Choice/Retail Wheeling—Schedules 448-459	\$0.006409	\$0.006409	0.00% change
Special Contracts	\$0.023651	\$0.023651	0.00% change

Note: The figures above represent averages by rate schedule including the basic charge. Individual customers will see a change that is greater or lesser than what is shown, depending on the amount of usage. Most electric customers are billed monthly. Some electric customers are billed every other month. During the UTC’s consideration of these proposed rates, other rates may change due to pending or previously approved rate filings.

Bill assistance programs are available to qualified customers who need help with their energy bills. PSE customers can go to <http://www.pse.com> or call 1-888-225-5773 to learn if they are eligible. Payment plans are also available.

The UTC will review each filing and has the authority to set final rates that may vary from PSE’s requests, either higher or lower or structured differently, depending on the results of its review. To comment to the UTC on PSE’s requested rate changes: use the online comment form at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment>; email [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov); phone 1-888-333-9882; or write to P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504-7250. Please include your name, mailing address, the name of the company (PSE), and electric docket number. If you have questions about the UTC’s process, please contact the UTC using one of the above methods. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in the Open Meeting, please contact the Commission at 1-888-333-9882 or email [consumer@utc.wa.gov](mailto:consumer@utc.wa.gov).

The public is represented by the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Attorney General’s office and can be reached by writing to Public Counsel, Assistant Attorney General, 800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98104-3188, or by emailing [utility@atg.wa.gov](mailto:utility@atg.wa.gov).

To contact PSE about these proposals: email [customercare@pse.com](mailto:customercare@pse.com); call 1-888-225-5773 (TTY: 1-800-962-9498); or write to Puget Sound Energy, ATTN: Customer Care, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA, 98009-9734. The proposed request can be accessed at <https://www.pse.com/pages/rates/pending-utc-filings>.