

# Public Comment Hearing for Puget Sound Energy's Liquefied Natural Gas Rate Adjustment



On May 25, 2023, PSE filed a request with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to adjust natural gas rates (Docket UG-230393). The purpose of the request is to establish a new natural gas tariff schedule, Schedule 141LNG – Liquefied Natural Gas Rate Adjustment, which will allow PSE to recover the costs incurred for the development, construction, and operation of the Tacoma LNG Facility through a new tariff schedule.

The UTC has the authority to approve rates which may be higher or lower than PSE's request. The UTC is examining the proposed rates, which were originally proposed to go into effect on July 1, 2023. On June 8, 2023, the UTC issued Order 01 Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions, and PSE's request is pending UTC review.

## PSE has requested the following:

- Schedule 141LNG Liquefied Natural Gas Rate Adjustment: An overall increase in natural gas rates of 3.45% to collect the costs incurred for the construction and development of the Tacoma Liquefied Natural Gas Facility.
- Schedule 141D Distribution Pipeline Provisional Recovery Adjustment: Overall no change in natural gas rates to collect costs incurred for the construction of four miles of distribution pipe. One transportation rate schedule will see a rate increase of 85.05% while sales rate schedules will see a rate decrease of 0.08%.
- Schedule 141N Rates Not Subject to Refund Rate Adjustment: An overall increase in natural gas rates of 0.08% for the recovery of costs approved during a multiyear rate plan that are not subject to refund.

## Public hearing date and time:

You may comment on PSE's requested rate adjustment at a virtual public hearing to be held by the UTC at the date and time listed below.

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 6 p.m.

You can participate via Zoom, meeting information can be found at [www.utc.wa.gov/230393](http://www.utc.wa.gov/230393). Or join by phone by calling 1-253-215-8782 and entering meeting ID number 867 8437 7255 and passcode 570072.

If you plan to participate, please call 1-888-333-9882 at least one day before the hearing so you can be signed in. Not calling in advance will not preclude you from calling the day of the hearing.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate at the hearing, please contact the WUTC at 1-888-333-9882. The WUTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities.

## Other ways to comment on the proposed rates:

**In your comments, please reference Docket UG-230393.**

### UTC

Send written comments to the UTC by one of the following:

### Online:

[www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment](http://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment)

Email: [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov)  
Phone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)  
U.S. mail: UTC P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504

### Public Counsel:

Residential and small business customers are represented in this case by the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Office of the Attorney General.

Email: [utility@atg.wa.gov](mailto:utility@atg.wa.gov)

To contact PSE about the requested rate adjustment:

Email: [customercare@pse.com](mailto:customercare@pse.com)  
U.S. mail: Puget Sound Energy  
Customer Care  
P.O. Box 97034  
Bellevue WA 98009-9734

### Effects of proposed rate changes for residential natural gas service:

Natural gas service for the average residential customer (using 64 therms of natural gas per month)	Current Bill	Proposed Bill
Basic Charge	\$12.50	\$12.50
Energy – All therms	\$82.87	\$86.21
<b>Total bill at 64 therms per month</b>	<b>\$95.37</b>	<b>98.71</b>
<b>Overall Average Bill Impact</b>		<b>\$3.34 increase</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		<b>3.50% increase</b>

### Overall proposed rate changes for natural gas service, by rate schedule\*:

Natural gas schedule	Type of service	Current Bill Average rate per therm	Proposed Bill Average rate per therm	Change
23, 53	Residential	\$1.48879	\$1.54098	3.51% increase
31	Commercial & Industrial	\$1.28158	\$1.32587	3.46% increase
41	Large Volume	\$0.92788	\$0.95886	3.34% increase
85	Interruptible	\$0.74722	\$0.80223	7.36% increase
86	Limited Interruptible	\$0.82240	\$0.86883	5.65% increase
87	Non-Exclusive Interruptible	\$0.69265	\$0.71365	3.03% increase
31T	Commercial & Industrial Transportation	\$0.70131	\$0.70131	0.00% increase
41T	Large Volume Transportation	\$0.23250	\$0.23250	0.00% increase
85T	Interruptible Transportation	\$0.12448	\$0.12448	0.00% increase
86T	Limited Interruptible Transportation	\$0.20194	\$0.20194	0.00% increase
87T	Non-Exclusive Interruptible Transportation	\$0.05716	\$0.05716	0.00% increase
88T	Exclusive Interruptible	\$0.02945	\$0.02945	0.00% increase
16	Gas Lighting	\$1.39582	\$1.44801	3.74% increase
	Special Contracts	\$0.05371	\$0.05371	0.00% increase
<b>Overall</b>				<b>3.45% increase</b>

\*Bill impacts as of May 25, 2023

NOTE: The figures above represent averages by rate schedule including the basic charge. Individual customers will see a change that is greater or less than what is shown, depending on the amount of usage. All natural gas customers are billed monthly. 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