



February 23, 2023

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Ms. Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

**Re: Advice No. 2023-08
PSE’s Natural Gas Tariff Filing – Filed Electronically**

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-101 and WAC 480-80-105(1)(c), please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revisions to the WN U-2, tariff for natural gas service of Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”):

1 st Revision	Sheet No. 16-D	Rule No. 6	Extension of Distribution Facilities
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The purpose of this filing is to revise PSE’s natural gas Rule No. 6 Extension of Distribution Facilities to inform customers regarding a special condition about the treatment of new natural gas locations connected to PSE’s system as set forth in the subsection RCW 70A.65.130(2)(c) of Chapter 70A.65 RCW Greenhouse Gas Emissions-Cap and Invest Program (“Program”).

The Program, administrated by the Washington State Department of Ecology, started in January 2023 with the first emissions allowance auction that is scheduled to take place in the second half of February 2023. The Program stipulates that a utility must return to customers the available proceeds from the trading auction of state greenhouse gas emission allowances sold at auction through the Program by providing credits on utility bills (“Bill Credits”) or be used to minimize cost impacts on low-income, residential, and small business customers. The proposed tariff change is to add the condition specified in the subsection RCW 70A.65.130(2)(c) that excludes the distribution of Bill Credits to identified customers of the natural gas utility at a location connected to its system after July 25, 2021, except for low-income customers. That is, any future Bill Credits provided for under the Program, and distributed through a future tariff schedule are reserved exclusively for customers at locations which were connected to a natural gas utility’s system on or before July 25, 2021, except for low-income customers. The purpose of the tariff

change is to provide transparency to customers requesting natural gas line extensions about that location's eligibility to receive those future Bill Credits. Any Bill Credits to be distributed to eligible Customers will be proposed in a future tariff filing for approval by the Commission.

The tariff sheet described herein reflects an issue date of February 23, 2023, and an effective date of March 25, 2023. Posting of the proposed tariff change for public inspection and review, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed in accordance with WAC 480-90-193(1). Notice to the public is published under the provisions of WAC 480-90-195(3), which allows a utility that proposes tariff changes terms or conditions without restricting access to the service to post the proposed changes in the manner it posts tariffs under WAC 480-90-193.

Please contact Mei Cass at (425) 462-3800 for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions please contact me at (425) 456-2142.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:
Natural Gas Tariff Sheet, listed above

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY
Natural Gas Tariff**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)
RULE NO. 6: Extension of Distribution Facilities**

7. **GENERAL CONDITIONS (Continued):**

- c. **Operating Rights:** All legal rights necessary, in the Company's sole judgment, for the installation, operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of all natural gas facilities provided pursuant to this rule, including, without limitation, rights of access over, under, across, or through real property, including real property not owned by the Customer ("Operating Rights") shall be obtained by the Customer for the Company prior to the commencement of construction of such facilities. Operating Rights shall be evidenced by one or more written instruments in form and substance satisfactory to the Company. Operating Rights shall include, but not be limited to, the right of the Company to extend natural gas facilities across, over, under, or through the property on which the line extension is being constructed to connect additional Customers to the Company's natural gas system. The Company shall not be required to provide service, and may interrupt or discontinue service, if all or any portion of its facilities or Operating Rights are taken through the exercise of the power of eminent domain or are taken under threat thereof or are otherwise lost, terminated, or canceled. Where Operating Rights are subject to fee, the Customer shall be responsible for payment of such fee. Where zoning or other land use regulations allow for limited or zero set-back of structures from the property line, thereby leaving inadequate space for the Company's equipment that is usually installed on private property, the Company, in its sole discretion, may request that the space and rights be within the structure and meet the Company's specifications.
- d. **Rule No. 28:** The installation of facilities under the provisions of this rule shall be subject to the provisions of Rule No. 28, Income Tax Rider, Contributions In Aid of Construction.
- e. **RCW 70A.65.900. Greenhouse gas emissions—Cap and invest program:** Except for an identified low-income Customer, the customer bill credits provided for in this RCW are reserved exclusively for a Customer at locations connected to the Company's natural gas system no later than July 25, 2021. (N)
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- f. **General Rules and Provisions:** Service under this rule is subject to the General Rules and Provisions contained in this tariff. (T)

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