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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. 2023-11
PSE's Natural Gas Tariff Filing**

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") hereby submits proposed revisions to its Supplemental Schedule 120, Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider. This filing, pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and Chapter 480-80 WAC, includes revisions to the following natural gas tariff sheet.

WN U-2 - (Natural Gas Tariff):

28th Revision of Sheet No. 1120 – Supplemental Schedule 120, Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider

The purpose of this filing is to implement changes to rates under the conservation rider mechanism, as provided in Exhibit F to the Settlement Stipulation Agreement approved by the Commission in Dockets UE-011570 and UG-011571. Specifically, this proposal changes the Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider charges in order to reflect actual costs and collections over the past years for conservation programs and the estimated expenditures during the 2023 program year. This filing reflects increased amounts budgeted for the upcoming year and an increase in the true-up (and approval) of actual costs and actual collections during prior years.

The target level for acquisition of natural gas energy efficiency resources for the two-year period 2022 through 2023 is 9.8 million therms, reported at the customer meter, an increased target level of 24% from the two-year period of 2020 through 2021. This goal was set after discussions with the Conservation Resource Advisory Group ("CRAG") and approval in the Commission's Order 01 in Docket UG-210823.

The amount of the revenue requirement requested in this filing is \$26.6 million. This is higher than the \$22.0 million requested in last year's filing under Docket UG-220138 by a total of \$4.6 million. This is due to a \$1.5 million increase in the budget for the 2023 program year, and an increase of \$3.1 million in the true-up for spending, load variances and revenue sensitive fees and taxes, as compared to 2022.

Overall, this proposal results in an average 0.38% increase in customer bills. Firm sales service schedules for natural gas service are affected by this increase. There is no impact to customers taking transportation service under Schedules 31T, 41T, 85T, 86T, 87T or special contracts, as they are not billed under the Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider. The typical residential customer using 64 therms per month would experience an increase to their monthly bill of \$0.33 or 0.37 percent.

The tariff sheet described herein reflects an issue date of March 1, 2023, and an effective date of May 1, 2023. Posting of proposed tariff changes, as required by WAC 480-90-193, is being accomplished by posting the proposed tariff sheet on the PSE web site coincident with the date of this transmittal letter. Notice to the public under the provisions of WAC 480-90-194 will be provided within 30 days of the requested May 1, 2023 effective date.

Please contact Julie Waltari at (425) 456-2945 or julie.waltari@pse.com 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 (as listed above)
Revenue Requirement Work Paper
Cost of Service Work Paper


**PUGET SOUND ENERGY
Natural Gas Tariff**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE 120
Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider**

1. **Applicability:** Throughout territory served, to all firm and interruptible gas sales service Customers.
2. **Purpose:** This Schedule implements surcharges to collect costs incurred in providing service under Schedule 183 and gas Conservation Service Schedules numbered between 200 and 299.
3. **Rate:**
 1. The rates of gas sales service schedules listed in this paragraph will be adjusted as shown in all blocks of these rate schedules.
 - a. For firm sales service Schedules 23, 31, 41 and 53,
a charge of \$0.02875 per therm (I)
 - b. For gas lighting service under rate Schedule 16,
a charge of \$0.55 per mantle (I)
 - c. For interruptible sales service Schedules 85, 86 and 87,
a charge of \$0.02584 per therm (I)
 2. The rates named herein are subject to increase as set forth in Schedule 1.
4. **Adjustments:** Charges under this schedule and charges under the schedules for natural gas sales and transport service to which the surcharge in the Rate section above applies, are subject to adjustment by such other schedules in this tariff as may apply.
5. **General Rules and Provisions:** Service under this schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations contained in this tariff as they may be modified from time to time.

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