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Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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**RE: Advice No. 2024-40
Puget Sound Energy’s Natural Gas Tariff Revision**

Dear Executive Director Killip:

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

WN U-2 - (Natural Gas Tariff):

2nd Revision	Sheet No. 131T-A	Distribution System Transportation Service (Firm-Commercial and Industrial) (Continued)
Original	Sheet No. 141T-C	Distribution System Transportation Service (Firm-Large Volume High Load Factor) (Continued)

The purpose of this filing is to restrict service under natural gas Schedule 31T to any new customers. The availability of Schedule 31T Distribution System Transportation Service (Firm-Commercial and Industrial) is proposed to be limited to those existing Customers being served under this schedule as of October 31, 2024. An existing Customer will continue to receive service under Schedule 31T until they migrate to a different tariff schedule, after which time they will not be allowed to return to Schedule 31T.

Schedule 31T became effective on November 1, 2008, in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 12, Final Order Approving and Adopting Settlement Stipulations; Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing, in consolidated Dockets UE-072300 and UG-072301. Optional transportation service schedules were introduced for customers on natural gas Schedules 31, 41, 85, 86, and 87. Until then, a single transportation service schedule (Schedule 57) had been serving both small and large load customers who wanted to procure their own source of natural

gas. The new tariff schedules provided more rate consistency between sales and transportation services when loads were the same.

Interest in Schedule 31T has been low and has diminished further in recent years, with only one remaining customer who has not used the service for over a year and a half. The economics of being on transportation service make it difficult for customers with smaller loads to justify procuring their own natural gas. PSE anticipates that no customers will remain on Schedule 31T in the near future and plans to discontinue the service under this schedule. Eliminating the need to maintain rates for a tariff schedule that is not in use and no longer serving its intended purpose would lessen the administrative burden and rate maintenance for both PSE and the Commission.

This filing also proposes revisions to Schedule 41T Distribution System Transportation Service (Firm-Large Volume High Load Factor). Currently when a customer whose usage drops to less than 12,000 therms for any 12-month period such customer is moved to Schedule 31T. Consistent with the proposed limitation of new customers on Schedule 31T, this clause would be modified. Instead, customers would be moved to sales service Schedule 31 Commercial and Industrial General Service.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of September 30, 2024, and an effective date of November 1, 2024. Posting of proposed tariff changes, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed through web, telephone and mail access in accordance with WAC 480-90-193. Notice to the public regarding the restriction of access to service under Schedule 31T under the provisions of WAC 480-90-194, will be provided within 30 days of the November 1, 2024 effective date.

Please contact Julie Waltari at julie.waltari@pse.com for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at birud.jhaveri@pse.com.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Natural Gas Tariff Sheets (listed above)

PROPOSED

2nd Revision of Sheet No. 131T-A
Canceling 1st Revision
of Sheet No. 131T-A

WN U-2

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY
Natural Gas Tariff**

SCHEDULE 31T

(T)

Distribution System Transportation Service (Firm-Commercial and Industrial)

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4. **ADJUSTMENTS:** Rates in this schedule are subject to conditions and adjustments as set forth in Schedule No. 1 and to adjustment by Supplemental Schedule Nos. 112, 118, 129 and 132 in this tariff and other adjusting and supplemental schedules, when applicable. (T)
5. **PAYMENT:** Bills are issued net, are due and payable when rendered, and become past due after fifteen days from date of bill. (T)
6. **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Service under this schedule is subject to the rules and regulations contained in this tariff. (T)
7. **SPECIAL CONDITION – CLOSED TO NEW ACCOUNTS:** The availability of this schedule is limited to those Customers being served under this schedule as of October 31, 2024. (N)
(N)

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SCHEDULE 41T

(N)

Distribution System Transportation Service (Firm-Large Volume High Load Factor)

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- 8. **SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** As of November 1, 2024, ineligible Customers shall be moved to sales service under Schedule 31 Commercial and Industrial General Service. Ineligible Customers, under this section SPECIAL CONDITIONS means,
 - a. any Customer that has used less than 12,000 therms in the past year, or
 - b. any Customer requesting a new service that is expected to use less than 12,000 therms in the initial year of service, or
 - c. following twelve months of service on this schedule, any Customer whose usage is less than 12,000 therms for any 12-consecutive month period (ending with and including the current month).

(N)

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