

Notice of requested changes to PSE rates and public hearings

On February 15, 2024, PSE filed a general rate case with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) requesting a multiyear adjustment to electric and natural gas rates. The UTC has the authority to approve rates that may be higher or lower than PSE's request. The UTC is examining the proposed rates; the examination can take up to 11 months.

PSE has requested the following

Electric Service

- 2025 – An overall 6.74% increase in rates generating an additional \$192.2 million in revenue. A typical residential customer using 800 kilowatt-hours would see an overall average 7.19% increase, or \$7.84 per month.
- 2026 – An overall 9.30% increase in rates generating an additional \$285.2 million in revenue. A typical residential customer using 800 kilowatt-hours would see an overall average 9.58% increase, or \$11.20 per month.

Natural Gas Service

- 2025 – An overall 18.96% increase in rates generating an additional \$196 million in revenue. A typical residential customer using 64 therms would see an overall average 17.29% increase, or \$13.96 per month.
- 2026 – An overall 2.07% increase in rates generating an additional \$25.3 million in revenue. A typical residential customer using 64 therms would see an overall average 1.59% increase, or \$1.51 per month.

PSE requests rate adjustments for the following reasons

- To continue to provide safe and reliable energy service through upgrades or modernization projects to existing facilities
- To deploy an advanced distribution management system to support customers' growing use of electric vehicles and distributed energy resources, such as rooftop solar, to reduce the need for large infrastructure projects
- To invest in pipeline reliability investments to enhance the safe operation of the natural gas delivery system and allow it to meet customer demands at times of peak need
- To introduce its Beaver Creek wind farm and provide 248 megawatts of clean energy to about 83,000 homes
- To fund wildfire and mitigation response that includes enhanced vegetation management and infrastructure upgrades, weather stations, AI cameras, advanced safety settings on power lines, and communications and community engagement
- To recover increased operating costs
- To set rates for a multiyear rate plan that reflect upcoming capital investments and operating costs over the two-year period

Public hearing date and time

You may comment on the requested changes to electric and natural gas rates at a virtual public hearing held by the UTC at the date and time listed below.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, at 6 p.m.

You can participate via Zoom video conferencing meeting at the following link: <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/89576776087?pwd=YobV4Db1sJfhqHA9pvr7S7qLd0Lwv.1>

Or join by phone by calling **253-215-8782** and entering: Meeting ID number 895 7677 6087 and passcode 994124.

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.

Other ways to comment on the proposed rates

UTC

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

Online: utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment

Email: comments@utc.wa.gov

Phone: **1-888-333-WUTC (9882)**

U.S. mail: Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504

In your comments, please reference Dockets UE-240004 (electric service) and UG-240005 (natural gas service).

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

PSE

To contact PSE about the rate change proposals:

Email: customercare@pse.com

Phone: **1-888-225-5773**

U.S. mail: Puget Sound Energy
Customer Care
P.O. Box 97034
Bellevue, WA 98009-9734

Effects of proposed rate changes for residential electric and natural gas service

Electric service for the average residential customer (using 800 kilowatt hours of electricity per month)	Current	Proposed effective January 2025	Proposed effective January 2026*
Basic charge	\$7.49	\$9.74	\$12.66
Kilowatt-hour charge for 0–600 kWh	\$73.28	\$77.47	\$83.68
Kilowatt-hour charge for over 600 kWh	\$28.31	\$29.71	\$31.78
Total bill at 800 kWh per month	\$109.08	\$116.92	\$128.12
Overall Average Bill Impact		\$7.84 increase	\$11.20 increase

Natural gas service for the average residential customer (using 64 therms of natural gas per month)	Current	Proposed effective January 2025	Proposed effective January 2026*
Basic charge	\$12.50	\$14.86	\$17.67
Therm charge	\$68.22	\$79.82	\$78.52
Total bill at 64 therms per month	\$80.72	\$94.68	\$96.19
Overall Average Bill Impact		\$13.96 increase	\$1.51 increase

Overall proposed rate changes for natural gas service, by rate schedule

Natural gas schedule	Type of service	Current avg. rate per therm	Proposed effective January 2025	Proposed effective January 2026
23, 53	Residential	\$1.25375	\$1.47844 (17.92% increase)	\$1.51829 (1.95% increase)
16	Gas lighting	\$1.22015	\$1.42547 (16.83% increase)	\$1.46642 (2.87% increase)
31	Commercial & industrial	\$1.12060	\$1.37956 (23.11% increase)	\$1.41507 (2.51% increase)
41	Large volume	\$0.78414	\$0.90408 (15.30% increase)	\$0.93474 (2.17% increase)
85	Interruptible	\$0.57657	\$0.63090 (9.42% increase)	\$0.65350 (1.39% increase)
86	Limited interruptible	\$0.65962	\$0.71902 (9.01% increase)	\$0.74336 (1.09% increase)
87	Non-exclusive interruptible	\$0.42003	\$0.45883 (9.24% increase)	\$0.47459 (0.73% increase)
31T	Commercial & industrial transportation	\$1.12060	\$1.37956 (23.11% increase)	\$1.41507 (2.51% increase)
41T	Large volume transportation	\$0.33723	\$0.42419 (25.79% increase)	\$0.42031 (0.30% increase)
85T	Interruptible transportation	\$0.23651	\$0.28216 (19.30% increase)	\$0.29034 (1.96% increase)
86T	Limited interruptible transportation	\$0.29141	\$0.33323 (14.35% increase)	\$0.33216 (1.23% decrease)
87T	Non-exclusive interruptible transportation	\$0.08210	\$0.11457 (39.55% increase)	\$0.12003 (3.61% increase)
88T	Exclusive interruptible transportation	\$0.03719	\$0.01789 (51.90% decrease)	\$0.01360 (30.46% decrease)
	Special Contracts	\$0.09360	\$0.09763 (4.30% increase)	\$0.10308 (4.68% increase)
Overall**			18.96% increase	2.07% increase

Overall proposed rate changes for electric service, by rate schedule

Electric schedule	Type of service	Current avg. rate per kWh	Proposed effective January 2025	Proposed effective January 2026
7, 307, 317, 327	Residential	\$0.139521	\$0.149176 (6.92% increase)	\$0.162824 (9.64% increase)
8, 24, 324	Secondary voltage (50 kW or less)	\$0.134076	\$0.144574 (7.83% increase)	\$0.157847 (9.28% increase)
7A, 25, 11	Secondary voltage (over 50 kW to 350 kW)	\$0.131176	\$0.138539 (5.61% increase)	\$0.150709 (8.90% increase)
12, 26, 26P	Secondary or primary voltage (over 350 kW)	\$0.118098	\$0.124557 (5.47% increase)	\$0.134755 (8.94% increase)
29	Seasonal irrigation & drainage pumping	\$0.115750	\$0.122097 (5.48% increase)	\$0.133458 (9.02% increase)
10, 31	Primary voltage limited	\$0.113827	\$0.120435 (5.81% increase)	\$0.131587 (9.01% increase)
35	Primary voltage irrigation	\$0.094969	\$0.107600 (13.30% increase)	\$0.120776 (11.94% increase)
43	Interruptible total electric schools	\$0.116843	\$0.125348 (7.28% increase)	\$0.136698 (8.96% increase)
46	High voltage interruptible	\$0.087432	\$0.091608 (4.78% increase)	\$0.099430 (8.57% increase)
49	High voltage general	\$0.089131	\$0.093979 (5.44% increase)	\$0.101752 (8.32% increase)
50-59	Lighting (area & street)	\$0.344708	\$0.344655 (0.02% decrease)	\$0.376589 (9.16% increase)
448-459	Choice/retail wheeling	\$0.008439	\$0.008834 (4.67% increase)	\$0.008897 (0.59% increase)
	Special Contracts	\$0.020054	\$0.034626 (72.66% increase)	\$0.037674 (5.71% increase)
Overall**			6.74% increase	9.30% increase

* Electric rate changes include estimated 2026 budget related to proposed trackers for illustration purposes only. 2026 rates for the proposed trackers will be submitted through separate filings related to each tracker.

** Represents overall average increase without specific energy use amount.

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 and participation in optional services or bill assistance programs. Most electric and all natural gas 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. To contact PSE about these proposals: email 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. Each of the proposed requests can be accessed at <https://www.pse.com/pages/rates/pending-utc-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/assistance> or call **1-888-333-9882** to learn if they are eligible. Payment plans are also available.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate at the public comment hearing, please contact the UTC by calling **1-888-333-9882** or online comments@utc.wa.gov at least one week before the public comment hearing. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities.

For the effect of the proposed changes on other types of electric and natural gas services, visit pse.com/ratecase.

Copies of information on rules, rates, power supply fuel mix, regulations, customer rights and responsibilities, as well as an annual report, are available by calling **1-888-225-5773** and at pse.com.