

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	DOCKET UE-240266
PUGET SOUND ENERGY,	ORDER 01
Petitioner,	
For an Order Authorizing Puget Sound Energy to Remove Abandoned Pole Attachments	AUTHORIZING PUGET SOUND ENERGY TO REMOVE ABANDONED FACILITIES

BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 19, 2024, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for an Order authorizing PSE to remove abandoned pole attachments in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC, or the rules) 480-54-050 (Petition).
- 2 The Petition concerns two utility poles with Grid Numbers 455794-185185 and 455788-185208. PSE notes that it contacted Astound FKA Wave (Astound) and Ziplly Fiber, as well as trying to reach Iron Goat Networks, LLC. Astound and Ziplly Fiber denied ownership of the abandoned cable facilities. Astound confirms it does not own cable facilities in Marblemount, WA, and Ziplly has other attachments on the subject poles.
- 3 In 2016, in Commission Docket U-140621, the Commission issued General Order R-582, implementing rules under WAC Section 480-54 to address abandoned facilities which are attached to, but not owned by, a regulated utility.
- 4 This matter concerns the removal of unclaimed cable service attachments to two utility poles located along State Route 20 near Marblemount, WA. The identifying grid numbers are 455794-185185 and 455788-185208 (Subject Poles).
- 5 The Subject Poles have unclaimed attachments at the highest attachment point on each; these attachments must be removed before lower attachments can be removed.
- 6 Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has a culvert project scheduled for May 31, 2024. The WSDOT project requires removal of the Subject Poles.

7 Commission staff (Staff) recommends that the Commission issue an order consistent with
PSE's Petition. Staff submits that PSE has demonstrated its due diligence in identifying
and attempting to contact the assumed owner of the abandoned facilities, Iron Goat
Networks, LLC. Documents submitted as support for PSE's filing demonstrate as of July
1, 2015, Iron Goat Networks, LLC was administratively dissolved by the Washington
State Secretary of State.

8 The filing came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on May
9, 2024.

DISCUSSION

9 We grant PSE's Petition. We agree with Staff that the Company has demonstrated its due
diligence in identifying and attempting to contact the owner of the abandoned facilities.
PSE should be authorized to remove the abandoned pole attachments.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 10 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with
the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts,
securities, transfers of property, and affiliated interests of public service
companies, including electric companies.
- 11 (2) PSE is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction, providing
service as an electric and natural gas company.
- 12 (3) WAC 480-54-050(5) allows companies to petition the Commission for an Order
authorizing removal of abandoned facilities attached to a utility pole owned by a
regulated energy provider.
- 13 (4) Staff has reviewed the filing in Docket UG-240266.
- 14 (5) Staff believes the Company has performed its due diligence in attempting to
resolve questions of ownership regarding the abandoned facilities.
- 15 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
May 9, 2024.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 16 (1) Puget Sound Energy's Petition for an order is granted.
- 17 (2) Having demonstrated performing its due diligence in attempting to determine ownership of abandoned facilities located on utility poles with Grid Numbers 455794-185185 and 455788-185208 in Marblemount, WA, PSE's Petition is reasonable.
- 18 (3) Puget Sound Energy may remove the abandoned facilities as early as is reasonably practicable.
- 19 (4) This Order shall not affect the Commission's authority over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, on any matters that may come before it. Nor shall this Order granting Petition be construed as an agreement to any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.
- 20 (5) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Puget Sound Energy to effectuate the provisions of this Order.
- 21 The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective May 9, 2024.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFF KILLIP
Executive Director and Secretary