

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.
for (i) Approval of a Special Contract for
Liquefied Natural Gas Fuel Service with
Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Inc. and
(ii) a Declaratory Order Approving the
Methodology for Allocating Costs
Between Regulated and Non-regulated
Liquefied Natural Gas Services

DOCKET UG-151663

ORDER 08

GRANTING MOTION TO REVISE
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

**(Response Briefs Due
May 18, 2016)**

MEMORANDUM

- 1 The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 07 in this proceeding on March 29, 2016. Order 07 established a bifurcated process for considering certain “threshold” issues in phase one, with other issues to be determined in a subsequent phase two, if necessary. Order 07 established dates for initial and response briefs to be filed, and for oral argument, in phase one. On May 9, 2016, Public Counsel filed a motion requesting a brief extension of time for parties to file their phase one response briefs to Puget Sound Energy’s (PSE) brief filed in phase one on April 15, 2016.
- 2 Public Counsel asks that the deadline for response briefs be extended from the current date of May 16 to May 18, 2016. Public Counsel states that “[p]reparation and participation in the recent public comment and evidentiary hearings in the Pacific Power rate case ([Docket] UE-152253) has restricted the time otherwise available to Public Counsel for preparing its brief in this docket.” Public Counsel does not request any change to the oral argument date currently scheduled for May 26, 2016. Public Counsel represents in its motion that all parties either agree with, or do not object to, its proposal.
- 3 The Commission grants timely, unopposed requests for continuance unless inconsistent with the public interest or the Commission’s administrative needs. In addition, the Commission grants procedural motions when supported by good cause. Both conditions are present in this instance. Providing the parties additional time and opportunity for briefing will promote fuller development of the record than might otherwise be the case. We accordingly determine we should grant Public Counsel’s motion.

NOTICE

4 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE THAT the date by which parties may file
response briefs is continued until May 18, 2016.**

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE THAT it will conduct hearing
proceedings on May 26, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room 206,
beginning at 1:30 p.m., as currently scheduled.**

ORDER

6 **THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT the Public Counsel's Motion for Extension of
Time filed on May 9, 2016, is GRANTED.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 9, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS
Senior Review Judge