

BEFORE THE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

BELLINGHAM COLD STORAGE COMPANY)	
and GEORGIA-PACIFIC WEST, INC.,)	
Complainants)	Case No. UE 001014
vs.)	COMPLAINANTS' MOTION TO
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	SUSPEND PROCEDURAL
Respondent)	SCHEDULE IMMEDIATELY

MOTION

Georgia-Pacific, West, Inc. ("GP") and Bellingham Cold Storage Company ("BCS") hereby move for an order immediately suspending the procedural schedule herein, pending completion of negotiations between Complainants and Respondent.

DISCUSSION

By order issued July 31, 2000, the Commission ordered Complainants and PSE "to enter or continue good faith negotiations." Complainants are prepared to do so. In the meantime, PSE Vice President William Gaines, by letter to the parties dated August 1, 2000, has invited mediated negotiations to continue. See attached letter. Complainants desire to accept the invitation.

Under the circumstances, with both parties willing to proceed forthwith, and it being apparent that the full energies of the parties will be necessary to resolve differences between them, it seems logical to suggest a complete focus on negotiations rather than case-building. Such a suspension will save immediate effort and energies and will best serve the public interest by encouraging settlement.

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The undersigned are authorized by counsel for Staff, Public Counsel, Schedule 48 Customers, and Whatcom PUD to report that those parties do not object to this motion. Arco is neutral. PSE, by 5:00 p.m., did not voice an opinion.

Complainants would report the state of negotiations on such basis as the Commission may set.

DATED this 2nd day of August, 2000.

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