

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent

DOCKET UE-230393

NOTICE OF PREHEARING
CONFERENCE

**(Set for June 26, 2023,
at 1:30 p.m.)**

- 1 On May 25, 2023, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective natural gas tariff WN U-2. PSE characterizes its filing as establishing a new tariff schedule, Schedule 141LNG – Liquefied Natural Gas Rate Adjustment, made pursuant to the Commission’s final order in Dockets DE-220066 and UG-220067 (Final Order), PSE’s last general rate case (2022 GRC). This new tariff schedule will allow PSE to recover the costs incurred with the development, construction, and operation of its Tacoma Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Facility.
- 2 On June 8, 2023, the Commission entered Order 01, Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions.
- 3 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, and has legal authority to regulate natural gas companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include Chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW, and 80.28 RCW relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, and RCW 80.28.020. The rules that apply to this matter include those within Chapters WAC 480-80 and WAC 480-90, relating to natural gas companies.
- 4 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of Chapter 34.05 RCW relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413,

RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

5 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. *See* WAC 480-07-440(1)(a) and RCW 34.05.434.

6 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a virtual prehearing conference in this matter at 1:30 p.m., on June 26, 2023. To attend via Zoom, please [click here to join meeting](#).¹ To attend by phone, please call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 827 7944 5778# and Passcode: 806658#.**

7 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, identify the issues in the proceeding, and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

8 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this Notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

9 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

10 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

¹ <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/82779445778?pwd=TDRXZ0lUMVhhL1VRShUeW5jSnE5Zz09>

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- 11 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Samantha Doyle, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.²
- 12 The Attorney General has designated Ann Paisner, Lisa Gafken, and Nina Suetake from the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 13 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective June 13, 2023.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please provide the information requested below via email to Paige Doyle, paralegal, at paige.doyle@utc.wa.gov:

(PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket: _____

Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

Hearing Impaired: (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter:

Visual _____ Tactile _____

Other type of assistance needed: _____