

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-161123

ORDER 01

COMPLAINT AND ORDER
SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS

BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 7, 2016, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-0160, Schedule 451 – Large Customer Retail Wheeling. The stated effective date is November 7, 2016. The Company requests approval of a new retail wheeling service for large non-core customers.
- 2 PSE proposes an optional schedule for customers who have maintained a minimum of an average of 10 average megawatts (aMW) at one or more customer sites served under Schedule 40 – Large General Service Greater Than 3 aMW over the entire test year of the most recent general rate case. PSE also seeks approval of the signed Service Agreement between the Company and Microsoft Corporation, including the Service Agreement’s \$23.685 million Power Supply Stranded Cost Charge.

DISCUSSION

- 3 The Company’s proposed tariff revisions and the Service Agreement raise issues that warrant further investigation to determine whether they are in the public interest. As authorized under RCW 80.04.130, the Commission suspends the tariff revisions pending the outcome of that investigation.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates,

regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property, and affiliated interests of public service companies; including electric companies.

- 5 (2) PSE is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) The Commission concludes that the tariff revisions PSE filed on October 7, 2016, warrant further investigation. Accordingly, the tariff revisions should be suspended.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) The tariff revision Puget Sound Energy filed on October 7, 2016, is suspended.
- 8 (2) The Commission may hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 9 (3) PSE must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 18, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner