

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of	)	DOCKET NO. UE-040837
	)	
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.,	)	ORDER NO. 01
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
For an Order Establishing	)	
Compliance with RCW 80.08.040,	)	ORDER ESTABLISHING
with Respect to its Proposal to enter	)	COMPLIANCE WITH
into a liquidity facility.	)	RCW 80.08.040
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On May 6, 2004, Puget Sound Energy Inc. (PSE), filed a statement of its plan to issue new securities with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission). The Company requested an order affirming that the Company is in compliance with the requirements of RCW 80.08.040. In its application the Company proposes to enter into a new multi-bank credit facility. The new credit facility will be for up to \$350,000.000 with a three-year term. The application is filed pursuant to Chapter 80.08 RCW and the requirements of WAC 480-146-290.
- 2     According to the application and supporting materials filed by the Company, it asserts the proceeds of the financing are to be used primarily for working capital needs and backing up commercial paper issued for the same purpose. The credit facility may also be used to refund maturing securities or redeem outstanding securities. The use of proceeds are for one or more of the purposes allowed by RCW 80.08.030.

3 PSE asserts that the proposed new credit facility will enable it to continue  
managing its cash flow as the new facility is replacing an agreement that will  
expire on June 15, 2004. Accordingly, the Company asserts its proposal is in the  
public interest.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

4 (1) PSE is engaged in the business of providing electric and natural gas  
service within the state of Washington. As a public service company, it is  
subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the provisions of  
Chapter 80.08 RCW.

5 (2) As to form, the application herein meets the requirements of Chapter 80.08  
RCW and the rules and regulations of the Commission adopted pursuant  
thereto *Chapter 480-146 WAC*.

6 (3) The Company's application in this Docket contains: (a) a certification by  
an authorized officer that the proceeds will be used for one or more  
purposes allowed by RCW 80.08.030; (b) a description of the proposed  
issuance, including the terms of financing, and (c) a statement as to why  
the proposed transaction is in the public interest.

7 (4) The proceeds from the proposed liquidity facility are to be used for one or  
more of the purposes set forth in RCW 80.08.030.

### ORDER

8 (1) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., has complied with the requirements of RCW  
80.08.040 with respect to the proposals set forth in its application to enter  
into the liquidity facility.

- 9 (2) The Company is directed to file a Report of Securities Issued as required by WAC 480-146-340. The Company is also directed to file verified copies of any agreement entered into in connection with any transaction pursuant to this Order.
- 10 (3) This Order shall in no way affect the authority of this Commission over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, or any matters whatsoever that may come before it, nor shall anything herein be construed as acquiescence in any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.
- 11 (4) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on May 12, 2004. The Commissioners, having determined this filing to meet the requirements of Chapter 80.08 RCW, directed the Secretary to enter this order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary