

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-072300
DOCKET UG-072301
(*Consolidated*)

DOCKET UG-080064

RESPONSE OF COMMISSION
STAFF TO PUGET SOUND
ENERGY, INC'S MOTION TO
CONSOLIDATE AND
AUTHORIZE TARIFF REVISION

1 By motion filed January 30, 2008, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. asks the Commission to consolidate Docket UG-080064 with the pending general rate case in Dockets UE-072300 and UG-072301. The Company also asks the Commission to authorize the tariff filing in Docket UE-080064 immediately, rather than carrying that docket to the conclusion of the general rate case.

2 Commission Staff does not oppose the motion. The motion was submitted because the tariff filing in Docket UG-080064 proposes to cancel Schedule 50 (compressed natural gas service for motor vehicles). Schedule 50 is already under suspension in the general rate case. Thus, Commission authorization is required.¹

3 Moreover, the filing in Docket UG-080064 on January 9, 2008, was made only one month after the general rate case (December 3, 2007). Consolidation merely combines two cases that more appropriately should have been filed together.

¹ Dockets UE-072300 and UG-072301, Order 01 at ¶17.

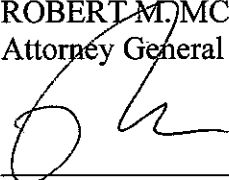
4 Finally, the Company's motion at paragraph 4 provides sufficient justification for the Commission to approve the tariff revision in Docket UG-080064 without delay. Such approval does not prejudice or prejudge any of the remaining issues in the general rate case.

5 For these reasons, this is an isolated event that does not establish precedent for future cases. Thus, Staff does not oppose the Company's motion.

DATED this 1st day of February, 2008.

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