

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of PUGET SOUND ENERGY, Seeking Exemption from the Provisions of WAC 480-100-021(1) Relating to Informational Filing Requirement	DOCKET UE-230664 ORDER 01 GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM RULE
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 15, 2025, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed, pursuant to WAC 480-07-110, WAC 480-07-370(3), and WAC 480-107-002, with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition (Petition) requesting an exemption from WAC 480-107-021(1). PSE filed concurrently an informational filing, including the voluntary 2024-2025 Short-Term Firm Energy and Capacity Request For Proposals (Short-term RFP).
- 2 WAC 480-107-021(1) requires electric companies “must file any voluntary Request for Proposal (RFP) allowed under WAC 480-107-009(3) and accompanying documentation thirty days prior to accepting bids.” PSE requests to begin accepting firm offers by September 6, 2023, 22 calendar days after filing the RFP with the Commission.
- 3 PSE stated the Short-Term RFP seeks bids for firm energy and capacity to meet resource needs in 2024 and 2025. Due to the need for capacity on a short-term basis, PSE anticipates that respondents to the solicitation will be large, sophisticated organizations with significant resource portfolios and existing transmission arrangements in the region to meet PSE’s needs.
- 4 Commission Staff (Staff) has reviewed the Petition and recommends granting PSE’s request for exemption. The Short-Term RFP is focused on standardized market products and shortening the period of review for this type of standard solicitation is reasonable. Allowing bidders to respond in less than 30 days to assist the Company meet its firm energy and capacity needs with a market product is in the public interest.

DISCUSSION

5 We grant PSE's request for an exemption from WAC 480-107-021(1). We agree with
Staff that PSE's request is reasonable to ensure that the Company can enter into one or
more agreements for the products to meet short-term energy and capacity needs by mid-
September 2023. The nature of the products solicited and the sophistication of qualifying
respondents make a shorter review period reasonable. Accordingly, we find that granting
the Company's request for an exemption is in the public interest and consistent with both
the purposes underlying the rule and applicable statutes.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the
authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities,
transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including
electric companies.
- 7 (2) PSE is engaged in the business of providing electric services within the state of
Washington and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) PSE is subject to WAC 480-107-021(1), which requires electric companies to file
any voluntary RFP allowed under WAC 480-107-009(3) and accompanying
documentation thirty days prior to accepting bids.
- 9 (4) Under WAC 480-107-002, the Commission may grant an exemption from the
provisions of any rule in WAC 480-107, if consistent with the public interest, the
purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. See also WAC 480-07-110.
- 10 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
August 24, 2023.
- 11 (6) After review of the Petition filed in Docket UE-230664 by Puget Sound Energy on
August 15, 2023, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the
exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying
the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) Following the entry of this Order, Puget Sound Energy is granted an exemption from WAC 480-107-021(1), the thirty-day filing requirement for its voluntary Short-Term RFP allowed under WAC 480-107-009(3) prior to accepting bids. Puget Sound Energy may begin accepting bids for the Short-term Request for Proposal on September 6, 2023.
- 13 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Puget Sound Energy to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective August 24, 2023.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AMANDA MAXWELL
Executive Director and Secretary