BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220066 AND UE-220067

PETITION OF COALITION OF EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS FOR SENSIBLE ENERGY FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

1. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-355, the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy (“CENSE”) seeks permission from the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC or Commission) to intervene in this PSE rate increase request as an intervenor with full party status (see WAC 480-07-340).

2. CENSE is represented by attorney J. Richard Aramburu and designates Mr. Aramburu to receive service and all communications on their behalf:

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3. CENSE is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization formed in 2014 representing thousands of Eastside residents and business owners who have serious concerns about the need, safety, cost and environmental impacts of PSE’s 230kV transmission line project branded as “Energize Eastside” (“EE”). Since
organizing in 2014, CENSE and its members have participated in various land use, legislative and permit proceedings regarding PSE’s EE project applications, including comments before the WUTC on PSE Integrated Resource Plans.

4. CENSE seeks intervenor status because PSE seeks a prudency determination regarding Energize Eastside plans and PSE’s request to include costs they have incurred in promoting, planning, and attempting to permit EE.

5. As electric power customers of PSE, CENSE members would be affected if PSE is allowed to substantially raise electric rates.

6. CENSE has not yet determined the extent of its participation or the precise nature of the relief it will request but anticipates participating in this matter to the extent necessary to ensure the interests of its members in Washington and other Washington ratepayers in PSE’s jurisdiction are protected. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding will not be impaired by the grant of CENSE’s Petition to Intervene. Nor would CENSE’s participation unnecessarily broaden the issues or burden the record in this proceeding. It is in the public interest to allow CENSE to intervene herein.

7. CENSE intends to promptly file a Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to request a Fund Grant through the Washington Interim Participatory Funding Agreement currently being considered in Docket No. 210595.

8. CENSE respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order granting intervention to CENSE and allowing it to participate in these proceedings so it may appropriately represent the interests of its thousands of members.
Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of February, 2022.

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