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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS RELATED TO
PUGET SOUND ENERGY'S EFFECTIVE LOAD CARRYING CAPABILITY
ESTIMATES AND USE IN THE COMPANY'S ALL-SOURCE REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS**

(By 5 p.m., Thursday, September 30, 2021)

Re: Puget Sound Energy's All-Source Request for Proposals for Renewable and Peak Capacity Resources, Docket UE-210220

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

As referenced in Order 01 of Docket UE-210220, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issues this notice to provide an opportunity to comment on topics related to Puget Sound Energy's (PSE or Company) effective load carrying capability (ELCC) estimates and their use in ranking and bid evaluation for PSE's 2021 All-Source Request for Proposals for Renewable and Peak Capacity Resources (All-source RFP).

BACKGROUND

On April 1, 2021, PSE filed with the Commission a draft of its 2021 All-Source RFP for approval by the Commission, as required by Order 05 under Docket UE-200413 and as specified in WAC Chapter 480-107. The Commission issued a notice for public comment on the draft All-Source RFP on April 6, 2021. Interested parties filed comments, and PSE filed revisions to its draft All-Source RFP in response to stakeholder feedback. On June 11, 2021, the Commission held a recessed open meeting to consider the Company's draft All-Source RFP. On June 14,

2021, the Commission issued Order 01 in Docket UE-210220 approving the draft All-Source RFP with three conditions:¹

- (1) PSE must post workshop materials to its RFP website at least seven calendar days prior to each workshop and that materials for the ELCC workshop must include an ELCC review and primer;
- (2) PSE must circulate any Commission notices filed to this docket via the Company's website and email list; and
- (3) PSE must file a response to comments filed pursuant to the above-referenced notice within six weeks of the notice's deadline.

PSE issued its All-Source RFP on June 30, 2021. PSE scheduled an ELCC workshop for August 31, 2021. PSE filed workshop materials and an ELCC primer to this docket on August 25, 2021.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission gives notice of the opportunity to submit written comments no later than **5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 30, 2021**. The Commission solicits comments on PSE's ELCC methodology, inputs, assumptions and use of stochastic analytical methods. The Commission also welcomes comments on PSE's use and consideration of the ELCC metric in its Phase 2 bid evaluation.

Condition 3 in Order 01 of this docket requires PSE to file a response to comments filed pursuant to this notice within six weeks of this notice's deadline on Thursday, November 11, 2021.

The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. Comments may be submitted via the Commission's Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov. Please include the following details:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UE-210220).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

Comments should be in .pdf format (created using Adobe Acrobat or comparable software) or in Microsoft Word. The Commission will post on its website all comments it receives in electronic

¹ See *In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy*, Docket UE-210220, Order 01 at ¶ 33 (June 14, 2021). The Commission also required that PSE alter its draft All-Source RFP to "remove the provision requiring a cost adder for a rate of return for PPAs during the RFP evaluation process." *Id.* at ¶ 22.

format. The website is located at www.utc.wa.gov. Documents are generally posted within 24 hours of receipt. *Please refer to Docket UE-210220 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list.* Questions for Commission staff may be directed to Kyle Frankiewich by email at kyle.frankiewich@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1316.

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