

July 12, 2000

**NOTICE ESTABLISHING TIME FOR REPLY
TO COUNTERCLAIM
(July 18, 2000-3:00 p.m.)**

RE: *Bellingham Cold Storage Company and Georgia-Pacific West, Inc. v. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.*, Docket No. UE-001014

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

On July 7, 2000, Respondent Puget Sound Energy, Inc. filed its Notice of Appearance and Answer to Formal Complaint in this proceeding. The Answer includes Counterclaims.

WAC 480-09-425 does not expressly provide for replies to counterclaims, but does provide for replies to Answers, if authorized by the Commission. Requests for leave to file replies to Answers must be made within 10 days of the Answer. The Commission will not await the expiration of the 10 day period to learn whether Complainants desire leave to reply to Respondent's counterclaim. Instead, the Commission, on its own motion, finds it should grant leave for Complainants to file Replies (or a joint Reply) to Respondent's counterclaims. Moreover, the Commission finds there is good cause to set July 18, 2000, as the date for filing any Reply(ies),

Notice is given that any Reply to the counterclaims asserted by Puget Sound Energy in its Answer to the formal Complaint filed by Bellingham Cold Storage Company and Georgia Pacific West, Inc. must be filed no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2000. Service must be effected simultaneously with filing and courtesy copies are required to be provided to Puget Sound Energy's attorney via electronic transmission (facsimile or e-mail) for receipt no later than 3:30 p.m. on the date designated for filing. Filing can be accomplished by mail delivery to the Commission Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA 98504-7250, or by hand delivery to the Commission Secretary via the Commission's records center at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA 98504. An original plus 19 copies of your reply must be filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge