

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON

# UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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### June 29, 2020

## NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST (Due by Monday, July 13, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy*, Docket UG-200112

TO PUGET SOUND ENERGY (PSE):

### **BENCH REQUEST NO. 1:**

- A) Pursuant to WAC 480-143-150, the Commission may require a sworn statement from a company proposing to acquire property from a public service company. Accordingly, please provide a sworn statement from Grand HVAC Leasing USA LLC (GHL) showing that GHL commits to the following representations:
  - a. GHL will not increase the monthly rental price for customers of the Water Heater Rental Service for a 24-month period of time.<sup>1</sup>
  - b. GHL will maintain a 4.9% cap on any annual price increase of the monthly rental price for customers of the Water Heater Rental Service after the 24-month period.<sup>2</sup>
  - c. GHL commits to the minimum service standards as maintained by PSE.<sup>3</sup>
- B) Please provide data showing the length of current customers' participation in both the Residential and Commercial Water Heater Rental Service.
- C) Please provide demographics, such as low-income or fixed income status, if known, for current customers of the Residential Water Heater Rental Service.
- D) Please provide any Better Business Bureau ratings and other customer service and satisfaction metrics, if available, for GHL.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> *E.g.*, Settlement Agreement, App. B (Draft Comparison Matrix of GHL/PSE Water Heater Rental Services).

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Asset Purchase Agreement Schedule 6.4, PSE/GHL Transition Plan, p. 6

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- E) Please provide copies of any customer notifications of the proposed sale of the Water Heater Rental Service, other than the May 18, 2020, letter that is already part of the record.
- F) Please provide the formal bid and supporting documentation submitted by Grand HVAC Leasing for the Water Heater Service.
- G) Please provide the monthly rental prices for customers of the Residential and Commercial Water Heater Rental Service from January 2010 forward.

Please respond to this Bench Request no later than Monday, **July 13, 2020**, by 5:00 p.m., by electronic filing with the Commission's Records Center. Please provide courtesy email copies to all parties and the presiding administrative law judges. If you have any questions concerning these requests, please contact Administrative Law Judge Rayne Pearson at 360-664-1136, or via e-mail at <u>rpearson@utc.wa.gov</u>, or Administrative Law Judge Michael Howard at 360-664-1139 or via email at <u>michael.howard@utc.wa.gov</u>.

MICHAEL HOWARD Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties