

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220066 and
UG-220067 (*Consolidated*)

**REQUEST FOR CASE CERTIFICATION
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST
FUNDING GRANT OF THE NW ENERGY
COALITION**

Pursuant to Order 01 issued by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) in Docket U-210595, and the Washington Interim Participatory Funding Agreement (“Interim Funding Agreement”), NW Energy Coalition (“NWEC” or “the Coalition”) hereby submits this Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant.

NWEC provides this Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant from the Customer Representation Sub-Fund of the Customer Access Fund for Puget Sound Energy¹ pursuant to section 6.2 of the Interim Funding Agreement. NWEC will file a Proposed Budget by April 13, 2022.

NWEC requests certification as a customer representative organization pursuant to section 5.2.1 and 6.2 of the Interim Funding Agreement. NWEC meets the criteria for certification found in section 5.2.1:

1. NWEC is a non-profit organization.
2. The NW Energy Coalition represents broad customer interests. NWEC is an alliance of more than 100 organizations, including more than 40 in Washington State, and individual members. The Coalition’s work focuses on energy efficiency, renewable energy, low-

¹ See Interim Funding Agreement § 4.2.

income and consumer protections, and informed public involvement in building a clean and affordable energy future – matters of broad customer interests in the State of Washington.

NWEC focuses its regulatory engagement on issues that have a material impact on customer-side resources, energy efficiency, demand response, compliance with environmental and clean energy policies, and ensuring fair and equitable distribution of benefits to all customers, including low-income customers, vulnerable populations and highly impacted communities.

3. NWEC routinely participates in Commission proceedings related to Puget Sound Energy’s customers’ interests in the above matters. NWEC staff and members participate in meetings of Puget Sound Energy’s Integrated Resource Plan Advisory Group, the Conservation Resources Advisory Group, and the Low-Income Advisory Group. NWEC regularly provides informal input and submits formal comments on Puget Sound Energy’s energy efficiency programs, low-income rate programs, transportation electrification programs, and CETA implementation. NWEC has intervened in prior Puget Sound Energy rate proceedings, including, most recently, Docket UE-190529/UG-190530, and contributed materially to the record in that case.

4. (a) No other case-certified stakeholder participating in this proceeding adequately represents the specific interests of NWEC. NWEC is the only party focused on the interests of customers as they relate to customer-side resources, energy efficiency, transportation electrification, and clean energy access. The public interest will benefit from NWEC’s participation in this proceeding by allowing for the Commission to consider expert testimony on the topics in which NWEC has been approved to intervene without objection. Through intervention and participation in Commission proceedings concerning rates, policy statements, and rulemakings over the past four decades, NWEC’s activities have directly and materially

benefited the public interest. These activities demonstrate that NWECC can effectively advance the general public interest in fair, just, reasonable, and equitable rates and practices.

(b) As demonstrated by its track record participating in general rate cases and other proceedings, NWECC's participation will not unduly delay this proceeding.

For the foregoing reasons, NWECC respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Request for Case Certification and accept its Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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