

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

**for Exemption of General Order 601
from WAC 480-100-640(1) regarding
PSE to file its Clean Energy
Implementation Plan by October 01,
2021, and instead permit PSE to file its
CEIP by December 17, 2021, as
allowed by Revised Code of
Washington (RCW) 19.405.060(1)(a)**

Docket UE-210571

**DECLARATION OF
BEN FARROW**

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1 I, BEN FARROW, hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
Washington that the following are true and correct:

2 I am the Director, Clean Energy Strategy for Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”). My
responsibilities include, among other things, management of the development of PSE’s Clean
Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) and working with the Equity Advisory Group with regard to
the CEIP. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this Declaration.

3 On July 21, 2021, PSE filed with a petition with the Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission (the “Commission”) in Docket UE-210571 (the “Petition”) seeking
an exemption from the requirement outlined in WAC 480-100-640(1), which requires PSE to file
its CEIP by October 1, 2021, and instead permit PSE to file its CEIP by December 17, 2021, as
allowed by Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.405.060(1)(a). In its Petition, PSE asserted

that granting request is in the public interest because an extension is necessary and appropriate to allow additional time for the new Equity Advisory Group to provide input on PSE's CEIP.

4 As mentioned in PSE's Petition, PSE has received feedback from members of the Equity Advisory Group expressing concern that the requirement that PSE file its CEIP by October 1, 2021, does not provide the Equity Advisory Group and PSE sufficient time necessary to (i) consider information and provide meaningful input into key CEIP topics; and (ii) explore options for expanded community engagement, including identifying all channels to engage Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and underserved communities.

5 After PSE filed the Petition, certain members of the Equity Advisory Group expressed an interest in providing their support for the Petition. As of July 30, 2021, PSE has received communications of support from representatives of a third of the organizations represented on the Equity Advisory Group.

6 On Monday, July 26, 2021, at 3:03 PM, Emily Larson Kubiak, Energy Program Manager for Sustainable Connections, sent an email to PSE's CEIP email address (ceip@pse.com) expressing support for "more time for engagement and help the CEIP to better reflect community interests." Attached as Exhibit A to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the email sent by Emily Larson Kubiak.

7 On Monday, July 26, 2021, at 4:58 PM, Jenny Harding, member of the Board of Directors of The GSBA and representing The GSBA on the Equity Advisory Group, sent an email to PSE's CEIP email address (ceip@pse.com) expressing support for PSE's Petition: "The additional time for deeper reflection and analysis will provide a stronger framework in order to achieve a truly inclusive, equitable and successful implementation plan that will reach ALL

communities in a more impactful way.” Attached as Exhibit B to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the email sent by Jenny Harding.

8 On Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 11:40 AM, Kate Sander, Manager, Hope University & Energy Assistance for HopeSource, sent an email to PSE’s CEIP email address (ceip@pse.com) expressing support for PSE’s Petition:

It’s becoming increasingly evident as I talk with other group members that there is very much a need to slow the process down so we can engage in meaningful discussions and give PSE the feedback and recommendations you are seeking. I am very much in support of PSE’s request for extending the Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) process to allow more time for engagement and to help the CEIP better reflect community interests and needs. Thank you for filing the petition for the extension.

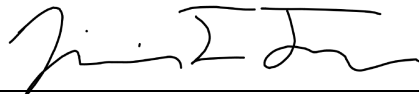
Attached as Exhibit C to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the email sent by Kate Sander.

9 On Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 10:04 PM, Estela Ortega, Executive Director for El Centro de la Raza, The Center for People of all Races, sent an email directly to me and to PSE’s CEIP email address (ceip@pse.com) expressing support for PSE’s Petition:

I serve on the Equity Advisory Group representing El Centro de la Raza. I support PSE’s request for extending the Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) process to allow more time for equitable engagement and help the CEIP to better reflect community interests.

Attached as Exhibit D to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of the email sent by Estela Ortega.

Executed this 3rd day of August, 2021, at Seattle, Washington.



Ben Farrow
Director, Clean Energy Strategy
Puget Sound Energy