## **BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

Clean Energy Implementation Plan Pursuant to WAC 480-100-640 DOCKET UE-210795

ORDER 13

GRANTING PETITION TO AMEND ORDERS 8 AND 12

# BACKGROUND

- On June 5, 2024, in Dockets UG-240434 and UE-240433, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of several planning requirements in the wake of the passage of the Washington Decarbonization Act for Large Combination Utilities (the Act).
- PSE serves approximately 900,000 natural gas customers and 1.2 million electric customers largely in western Washington. As defined in Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1589 (ESHB 1589), PSE meets the definition of a "Large Combination Utility."
- *3* The petition in Dockets UG-240434 and UE-240433, requested extension for the following planning requirements:
  - Gas Integrated Resource Plan<sup>1</sup>
  - Electric Integrated Resource Plan<sup>2</sup>
  - Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP)<sup>3</sup>
  - CEIP Public Participation Plan<sup>4</sup>
- PSE proposed that it instead consolidate these filing and reporting requirements into a single Integrated System Plan, to be filed in 2027 pursuant to the outcome of Docket U-240281.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WAC 480-90-238(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> RCW 19.280.030.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> RCW 19.405.060(1); WAC 480-100-640(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> WAC 480-100-655(2).

- 5 After discussions with Commission staff (Staff), PSE filed a supplemental letter on June 27, 2024, clarifying clean energy- and equity-related reporting requirements and the public engagement approach PSE plans to implement in the development of its 2027 ISP.<sup>5</sup>
- 6 When PSE filed a petition requesting relief from certain planning requirements in Dockets UG-240434 and UE-240433, PSE concurrently filed a petition in this Docket, requesting that if the first petition was granted, that Orders 08 and 12 of this Docket be subsequently amended so as to remove references to the filing and reporting requirements which had been exempted or extended.
- 7 The proposed amendment would eliminate references to the 2025 Gas IRP, which has been consolidated into a 2027 Integrated Resource Plan. PSE has notified all parties in the underlying proceeding of the proposed revisions, and no party has opposed those amendments.
- 8 Staff recommends granting the proposed amendment, subject to condition– so as to remove references to filing obligations that are no longer applicable.

# **DISCUSSION AND DECISION**

- 9 Per WAC 480-07-875(1), the Commission may act in response to a petition to amend any order that the Commission has entered. Such petitions must meet the requirements set in WAC 480-07-870 (covering petitions for rehearing). Two circumstances which meet this requirement include "changed conditions since the commission entered the order; . . . or [a]n effect of the order that the commission or the petitioner did not contemplate or intend."
- 10 Here, the passage of ESHB 1589, and its subsequent successful utilization by PSE, constitutes sufficient changed conditions necessary to justify amendment. PSE is no longer required to file a 2025 CEIP, subject to the conditions described in Dockets UG-240434 and UE-240433, such that the references to 2025 CEIP in Orders 08 and 12 are no longer appropriate. The Commission thus grants the Petition and amends Orders 08 and 12, as requested subject to the condition that PSE fulfill the commitments it made in its June 27, 2024, filing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Supplemental Letter, Docket UE-240433, June 27, 2024.

#### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric and natural gas companies.
- 12 (2) PSE is an electric and gas company providing service within the state of Washington. As a public service company, it is subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 13 (3) WAC 480-07-370(1) allows companies to file petitions including that for which PSE seeks approval.
- 14 (4) Staff reviewed the Petition to Amend Orders 8 and 12 filed in this docket and recommends the Commission grant the request.
- 15 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2024.
- (6) After reviewing PSE's Petition, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters, the Commission finds that PSE's request is reasonable. Circumstances have changed, and have made the instant language unnecessary. Therefore, the Commission concludes the Petition should be granted.

#### ORDER

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

(1) Puget Sound Energy's Petition filed June 5, 2024, is granted, subject to the clarifications and commitments set forth in PSE's June 27, 2024, supplemental filing in this docket. The Commission amends Orders 08 and 12 consistent with those revisions contained in Attachment A of this Order.

18 (2) This Order shall not affect the Commission's authority over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, on any matters that may come before it.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective July 11, 2024.

### WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chair

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