

November 8, 2002

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**(Friday, November 15, 2002)**

**NOTICE OF RESPONSE DATE AND TIME**  
**(Thursday, November 14, 2002, 12:00 noon)**

RE: *WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy*  
Docket Nos. UE-011570/UG-011571

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On November 6, 2002, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) filed its Application for Amendment of Rate Case Order Provisions Regarding Time-Of-Use (TOU) Rates and Approving Refund ("Petition"). PSE asks that the Commission amend its Twelfth Supplemental Order in this proceeding to permit PSE to terminate the small consumer (residential and Schedule 24 customers) TOU program prior to September 30, 2003, through which date the program is authorized under PSE's currently effective tariff.

PSE also proposes to refund a \$1.00 per month charge that TOU customers have paid pursuant to PSE's currently effective TOU tariff since July 1, 2002.

PSE's Petition places in issue the question whether the rates, terms, and conditions of service related to its TOU program remain fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient, as further discussed in PSE's Petition that is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices in Olympia, Washington. The tariff sheets that are the subject matter of PSE's filing are Schedules 307, 308, 309, and 324 of PSE's Electric Tariff G. The filing brings into issue RCW 80.04.210, 80.28.060, and 80.28.080; WAC 480-09-815, 480-80-122, 480-100-008, and 480-100-194; and may involve consideration of other statutes and rules that constitute the Commission's governing authority.

PSE requests by its Petition that the Commission act by November 15, 2002, or as soon thereafter as possible, on both the Company's Petition and its filing of Advice No. 2002-26, which also concerns PSE's TOU program. Advice No. 2002-26 currently is on the Commission's agenda for its November 15, 2002 open meeting. In addition, on October 25, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Conference in this docket to consider a

“Study Design Report” submitted by the parties to a collaborative concerning PSE’s TOU rates. The conference is scheduled for November 15, 2002. The Commission finds good cause to issue this Notice of Hearing on shortened notice. The Commission also finds good cause to shorten the time provided for written responses to PSE’s Petition.

**ACCORDINGLY, ALL PARTIES MUST TAKE NOTICE that a hearing in this proceeding will be held on Friday, November 15, 2002, beginning at 1:30 p.m., in Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington. The purpose of the hearing will be to consider PSE’s Petition.**

**FURTHERMORE, ALL PARTIES MUST TAKE NOTICE that any written response to PSE’s Petition must be filed on November 14, 2002, by 12:00 noon. Parties are authorized to file their responses electronically subject to the requirement that they submit an original and 15 copies to the Commission on November 15, 2002.**

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Secretary