

**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*)

ORDER 06

GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE
TO RESPOND

BACKGROUND

- 1 On January 31, 2022, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service, and its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, Natural Gas.
- 2 On February 28, 2022, the Commission convened a virtual prehearing conference before administrative law judge Michael S. Howard.
- 3 On March 3, 2022, the Commission entered Order 03, Prehearing Conference Order and Notice of Hearing set for October 3-4, 2022 (Order 03). The Commission granted petitions to intervene filed by the Coalition of Eastside Neighbors for Sensible Energy (CENSE) and other intervenors. Pursuant to the Interim Agreement filed in Docket U-210595, the Commission required the parties to file any requests for case certification and notices of intent to seek funding on or before March 14, 2022. The Commission indicated that proposed budgets would be due 30 days later, on April 13, 2022.
- 4 On March 14, 2022, CENSE filed a Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request Fund Grant. CENSE submits that it is a non-profit organization, that it represents broad customer interests, and that it otherwise meets the requirements for case-certification. CENSE notes that it has a long history of involvement with PSE's Energize Eastside investment and submits that the Energize Eastside investment represents more than half of the specific adjustments to PSE's rate base.

5 On March 18, 2022, PSE filed a Motion for Leave to Respond to CENSE’s Request for Case Certification (Motion). PSE submits that the Commission must determine whether CENSE meets the criteria for case-certification, that PSE has an important interest in this issue, and that authorizing a response will not delay the proceeding. PSE attaches its proposed Response to CENSE’s Request for Case Certification (Response) to its Motion.

DISCUSSION

6 We grant PSE’s Motion. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-370, the Commission may allow other pleadings upon written motion. Although the Interim Agreement does not explicitly provide for responses to Requests for Case Certification, PSE has established sufficient cause for the Commission to grant leave for PSE’s Response to CENSE’s Request for Case Certification.¹ PSE’s Response is accordingly accepted by the Commission.

ORDER

7 **THE COMMISSION ORDERS That Puget Sound Energy’s Motion is GRANTED.**

8 **THE COMMISSION FURTHER ORDERS That Puget Sound Energy’s Response is ACCEPTED.**

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective March 21, 2022.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ Michael S. Howard
MICHAEL HOWARD
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an Interlocutory Order of the Commission. Administrative review may be available through a petition for review, filed within 10 days of the service of this Order pursuant to WAC 480-07-810.

¹ The Commission has not yet determined whether a Request for Case Certification is a “petition” within the meaning of WAC 480-07-370(4), to which any party in the proceeding may file a response. It is not necessary, however, to reach this issue at this juncture.