

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

For an Order Approving a Contract for
the Sale of Renewable Energy Credits in
Accordance with RCW 19.29A.090.

DOCKET UE-160234

ORDER 01

ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 16, 2014, in Order 01 in Docket UE-141505, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) determined that Puget Sound Energy (PSE) may file proposed rates, terms, and conditions for the sale of renewable energy credits (RECs) to its non-residential customers for the Commission's approval under RCW 19.29A.090(5), and may designate information within those filings as confidential pursuant to WAC 480-07-160.
- 2 On February 22, 2016, PSE filed with the Commission a request for an order approving a contract for the sale of RECs to a non-residential customer (Customer) in accordance with RCW 19.29A.090(5).
- 3 With its application, PSE submitted to the Commission a fully redacted copy of the contract with the Customer for the sale of RECs. A non-redacted version of the contract was also provided to the Commission and designated confidential pursuant to WAC 480-07-160.
- 4 Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the Company's confidential filing and concluded that the contract is appropriate for approval under RCW 19.29A.090(5). Staff has also concluded that the rates, terms, and conditions are reasonable and in the public interest.¹

¹ The confidential contracted rate falls between \$1.00 and \$12.00 per REC. In PSE's tariff filing in Docket UE-141505, the Company submitted a cost of service study demonstrating that the \$1.00 minimum rate is sufficient to cover the cost of providing the service. Staff agrees with PSE that the cost of providing this service is less than \$1.00 per REC.

DISCUSSION

5 We agree with Staff's recommendation and find that PSE's contract with the Customers
is appropriate for approval under RCW 19.29A.090(5), and that the rates, terms, and
conditions are reasonable and in the public interest.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the
State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates,
regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property, and affiliated
interests of public service companies, including electric companies.
- 7 (2) PSE is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission
jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) On February 22, 2016, PSE filed with the Commission a contract with a non-
residential customer for the sale of RECs pursuant to RCW 19.285.090(5).
- 9 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its open meeting on March 24, 2016.
- 10 (5) The Commission finds that the contract is appropriate for approval under RCW
19.29A.090(5), and that the contracted rates, terms, and conditions are reasonable
and are in the public interest.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS That the contract between Puget Sound Energy and its
non-residential customer for the sale of renewable energy credits filed on March 24,
2016, is approved and effective on March 25, 2016.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 25, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID. W. DANNER, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner