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December 24, 2014

**NOTICE RESCHEDULING HEARING**  
**(Rescheduled for Monday, February 2, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Re: *In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy and NW Energy Coalition For an Order Authorizing PSE to Implement Electric and Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanisms and to Record Accounting Entries Associated with the Mechanisms, Dockets UE-121697 and UG-121705 (Consolidated)*

*Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy, Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138 (Consolidated)*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On July 25, 2014, the Thurston County Superior Court (Court) reversed in part Order 07 that was entered in these dockets on June 25, 2013, as the Final Order of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission).<sup>1</sup> The Court concluded that “the Commission’s findings of fact with respect to the return on equity component of Puget Sound Energy, Inc.’s cost of capital in the context of a multi-year rate plan are unsupported by substantial evidence and the Commission improperly shifted the burden of proof on this issue from Puget Sound Energy, Inc. to the other parties in the proceeding below, contrary to RCW 34.05.461(4) and RCW 80.04.130(4).”<sup>2</sup> The Court remanded the case to the Commission “to establish fair, just, reasonable and sufficient rates to be charged under the rate plan, and to order any other appropriate relief.”<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities v. Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, et al.*, Thurston County Superior Court Case Nos. 13-2-01576-2 and 13-201582-7 (consolidated), Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Petitions for Judicial Review (July 25, 2014).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 2, lines 18-24.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 3.

On September 30, 2014, the Commission conducted a prehearing conference and established a procedural schedule, as memorialized in Order 10, served on October 8, 2014. Order 10, among other things, gave notice that the Commission would conduct evidentiary hearing proceedings beginning on January 7, 2015.

In light of the press of other Commission business at the end of this calendar year and early in 2015, and the few business days remaining between now and January 7, 2015, the Commission finds the public interest requires that this hearing should be rescheduled to begin on February 2, 2015. The post-hearing procedural schedule should be adjusted correspondingly to require briefs by February 24, 2015, and reply briefs by March 10, 2015.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the evidentiary hearing now scheduled to begin on January 7, 2015, is continued to February 2, 2015, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Room 206, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. The procedural schedule is further adjusted to require that initial briefs be filed by February 24, 2015, and that reply briefs be filed by March 10, 2015.**

DENNIS J. MOSS  
Senior Review Judge