

Agenda Date: July 24, 2014
Item Number: D2

Docket: UE-111881
Company: Puget Sound Energy

Staff: Juliana Williams, Regulatory Analyst

Recommendation

Issue an Order in Docket UE-111881 finding:

- (1) Puget Sound Energy has complied with the June 1, 2014, reporting requirements pursuant to WAC 480-109-040.
- (2) Puget Sound Energy has complied with Order 01 in Docket UE-111881.
- (3) Puget Sound Energy has achieved 698,137 megawatt-hours of conservation during the 2012-2013 biennium.

Discussion

On May 29, 2014, as required by Order 01,¹ RCW 19.285.070(1), and WAC 480-109-040(1)(a), Puget Sound Energy (PSE or company) filed a “2012-2013 Biennial Electric Conservation Achievement” report with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission). PSE reported that it had achieved 698,137 megawatt-hours of conservation during the 2012-2013 biennium, and had exceeded its biennial target of 666,000 megawatt-hours. PSE also reported that it had met all of the requirements of Order 01 over the course of the biennium.

In its comments filed June 30, 2014, commission staff (staff) recognized that PSE had incorporated the savings adjustments recommended by the third-party reviews of SBW Consulting, Inc. and DNV•GL into the reported biennial savings.

The staff comments also noted the connection between PSE’s biennial conservation achievement and the additional conservation PSE committed to as part of the decoupling mechanism approved in Docket UE-121697. On June 27, 2014, PSE filed a Petition for Declaratory Order in Docket UE-141357 requesting guidance on the issue. Staff intends to file comments in response to PSE’s petition.

Public Counsel was the only other party to file comments on PSE’s report. Public Counsel’s comments supported the conservation savings reported by PSE, accepted PSE has met all of the regulatory requirements applicable in this docket, and identified improvements going forward.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the commission issue an order in Docket UE-111881 as described in the recommendation section above.

¹ Docket UE-111881, Order 01.