

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

THE PUBLIC COUNSEL SECTION OF)	
THE OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON)	DOCKET NO. UE-011411
ATTORNEY GENERAL,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
)	CONFERENCE
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	(December 11, 2001)
)	
Respondent.)	
.....)	

1 On October 18, 2001, the Public Counsel Section of the Office of the Attorney General (Complainant) filed with the Commission a complaint against Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (Respondent). The Complainant alleges that the Respondent failed to adjust its general rates on July 1, 2001 in accordance with the Commission’s Fourteenth Supplemental Order in Docket No. UE-960195 and the Rate Plan in the underlying merger settlement. A more detailed account of the dispute is reflected in the complaint which is available for inspection at the Commission’s offices located at Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. It is appropriate for the matters raised in the pleadings to be brought to a hearing before the Commission.

2 Hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric utilities. Statutes and rules cited in the complaint include RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.110, RCW 80.04.220, RCW 80.04.230, RCW 80.28.010, RCW 80.28.020, and WAC 480-09-420(5). In addition to the foregoing, statutes and rules involved include those within chapters 80.04 and 80.28 RCW and chapters 480-09 and 480-100 WAC. The issues involved are generally stated above and more specifically contained in the pleadings herein.

3 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That in accordance with WAC 480-09-700(1)(a), the Commission has determined that good cause exists for this matter to be heard on shortened notice.

4 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held at 1:30 p.m., on December 11, 2001, in the Commission’s Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

5 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider formulating the issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-09-460. Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to the hearing date or made orally at the hearing. The time and place for the evidentiary hearing will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice. Appearances will be taken.

6 If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.

7 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING SET BY THIS NOTICE, OR ANY OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 34.05.440. THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SANCTION PROVISIONS OF WAC 480-09-700(4) ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOKED.

8 The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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9 Commission Staff will appear through Robert D. Cedarbaum, Senior Counsel, 1400 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P. O. Box 40128, Olympia, Washington 98504-0128, (360) 664-1188.

10 C. Robert Wallis has been designated as the Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, and will preside at the prehearing conference.

- 11 Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary

November 26, 2001

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