

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKET NO. UE-001140
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
)	CONFERENCE
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	(September 18, 2000
)	
Respondent.)	
.....)	

1 On July 25, 2000, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) filed a new tariff designed to provide electric service to large energy intensive customers, Schedule 300. Schedule 300 was developed to provide service to developers and building owners with substantial electric load requirements. By order of the Commission, the operation of the new tariff has been suspended pending hearing or hearings concerning the new tariff and the justness and reasonableness thereof.

2 The hearing set by this notice 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 34.05.449, 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. Statues involved, in addition to those previously cited, include those within chapters 80.04 and 80.28 RCW relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.250, RCW 80.28.010, RCW 80.28.020, RCW 80.28.090, and RCW 80.28.100. Rules involved include those within chapters 480-09 and 480-100 WAC. The ultimate issues include whether the proposed new tariff is just, fair, reasonable, and sufficient and in the public interest. In accordance with the provisions of RCW 80.04.130 the burden of proof to show that the rates produced by the filing are just and reasonable shall be upon the respondent.

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 on Monday, September 18, 2000, beginning at 1:30 p.m., in the Room 108, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

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

6 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That respondents must file with the Commission and deliver to other parties, no later than close of business on Monday, October 2, 2000 its prefiled direct testimony and exhibits.

7 Please see the form attached to this notice, which should be filled out and returned if any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance.

8 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.

9 Dennis J. Moss has been designated as the Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Section, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, and will preside at the prehearing conference.

10 The names and mailing addressed of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 11 The Commission will provide at its offices in Olympia, Washington, current records of the hearing for the use of those who may wish to review them. The Public Counsel section of the Office of the Attorney General has been designated by the Attorney General to represent the public. The address of the Commission, shown below, may be used for inquiries of Public Counsel, or Public Counsel may be contacted directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 12 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

September , 2000

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