

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,  Complainant,  v.  PUGET SOUND ENERGY,  Respondent.	DOCKETS UE-220066 and UG- 220067 ( <i>Consolidated</i> )  ORDER 18
In the Matter of the Petition of  PUGET SOUND ENERGY  For an Order Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment for Puget Sound Energy's Share of Costs Associated with the Tacoma LNG Facility	DOCKET UG-210918  ORDER 04  GRANTING AWEC'S MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, IN PART; DENYING MOTION IN PART

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On January 31, 2022, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service, and its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, Natural Gas. The Commission initiated an adjudication in consolidated Dockets UE-220066 and UG-220067.
- 2 On February 28, 2022, the Commission convened a virtual prehearing conference before administrative law judge Michael S. Howard.

- 3 On March 3, 2022, the Commission entered Order 03, Prehearing Conference Order and Notice of Hearing, noticing a hearing for October 3-4, 2022 (Order 03). Among other points, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule for this proceeding and noticed an evidentiary hearing for October 3, 2022, and October 4, 2022.
- 4 On May 12, 2022, the Commission entered Order 14/01, Granting Motion to Consolidate. The Commission granted the motion by Commission staff (Staff) to consolidate Dockets UE-220066 and UG-220067 with Docket UG-210918, wherein PSE petitioned for an order authorizing deferred accounting treatment for the Company's share of costs associated with the Tacoma Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Facility.
- 5 On July 12, 2022, AWEC filed a Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule (Motion). AWEC requests that the Commission modify the procedural schedule in this proceeding to allow the parties more time for settlement discussions prior to the filing of response testimony, which is currently due on July 19, 2022. AWEC proposes the following deadlines:
- Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenor Response Testimony and Exhibits due by July 28, 2022;
  - PSE Circulates Joint Issues Matrix due by August 2, 2022; and
  - PSE Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits, and Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits due by September 7, 2022.
- 6 AWEC submits that its Motion is unopposed by the other parties to this proceeding.

### **DISCUSSION**

- 7 Based on AWEC's unopposed Motion, the Commission finds good cause to amend the procedural schedule and grant's AWEC's Motion, in part. The Commission adopts AWEC's proposed modifications to the procedural schedule as set forth in Appendix A to this Notice, with the exception of the deadline for rebuttal and cross-answering testimony.
- 8 The Commission instead sets the deadline for rebuttal and cross-answering testimony for Tuesday, August 30, 2022. It is reasonable and appropriate to adjust the deadlines for both response testimony and rebuttal and cross-answering testimony by approximately the same number of days. To further delay the filing of rebuttal and cross-answering testimony would hinder the Commission's ability to review the case before the evidentiary hearing.

**ORDER**

9 **THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 10 (1) The Alliance of Western Energy Consumer's Motion is granted in part and denied  
in part.
- 11 (2) The Alliance of Western Energy Consumer's proposed, modified procedural  
schedule is adopted as Appendix A to this Notice with the exception of the  
deadline for rebuttal and cross-answering testimony, which is due on Tuesday,  
August 30, 2022, by 5 p.m.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective July 13, 2022.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

*/s/ Michael S. Howard*  
MICHAEL HOWARD  
Administrative Law Judge

**NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an Interlocutory Order of the Commission.  
Administrative review may be available through a petition for review, filed within  
10 days of the service of this Order pursuant to WAC 480-07-810.**

**APPENDIX A  
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
DOCKETS UE-220066, UG-220067, and UG-210918 (Consolidated)**

EVENT	DATE
General Rate Case Filing	<b>January 31, 2022</b>
Complaint and Suspension Order; Commencement of Discovery	<b>February 10, 2022</b>
Prehearing Conference	<b>February 28, 2022</b>
Intervenor funding Case Certification/Notice of Intent to Seek Funding	<b>March 14, 2022</b>
Intervenor Funding Proposed Budgets	<b>April 13, 2022</b>
Green Direct Settlement Conference <sup>1</sup>	<b>Week of April 11, 2022 or the week of April 18, 2022</b>
Initial Settlement Conference	<b>June 13-14, 2022<sup>2</sup></b>
Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenor Response Testimony and Exhibits <sup>3</sup>	<b>July 28, 2022</b>
PSE Circulates Joint Issues Matrix	<b>August 2, 2022</b>
Settlement Conference	<b>August 10, 2022</b>
Notice Issued for Public Comment Hearing	<b>To be determined (“TBD”) – at least 30 days before the Public Comment Hearing</b>

<sup>1</sup> See WAC 480-07-700(5)(a) (“Parties may reschedule a settlement conference included in the procedural schedule without seeking to modify the schedule if all parties agree, but the parties must provide notice to the presiding officer of the rescheduled date.”)

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> Response time to data requests will be seven business days as of this date.

Public Comment Hearing	<b>TBD – based on Commissioner availability</b>
<p>PSE files Power Cost Update—The filing will incorporate updates to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Natural gas prices to a more recent three-month average of forward market prices,</li> <li>2. Power and gas-for-power hedge contracts and index-priced physical supply contracts,</li> <li>3. BPA transmission contract rates,</li> <li>4. Natural gas pipeline rates,</li> <li>5. Mid-Columbia hydroelectric contract costs, and</li> <li>6. Other rate year contract rates.</li> </ol> <p>In addition, the power cost update will refresh the level of forecasted EIM benefits for the rate plan period years.</p>	<b>August 23, 2022</b>
PSE Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits; Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits <sup>4</sup>	<b>August 30, 2022</b>
Discovery Deadline - Last Day to Issue Data Requests	<b>September 16, 2022</b>
PSE files Joint Issues Matrix	<b>September 26, 2022</b>
Exhibit List, Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witness Lists, Time Estimates, Exhibits Errata	<b>September 26, 2022</b>
Evidentiary Hearing	<b>October 3, 2022 beginning at 9:00am, continuing as needed through October 4, 2022<sup>5</sup></b>
Post-hearing Briefing and Updated Joint Issues Matrix	<b>October 31, 2022</b>

<sup>4</sup> Response time to data requests will be five business days as of this date.

<sup>5</sup> TEP raised a concern that the Yom Kippur holiday begins the evening of October 4, 2022. If any party is concerned with religious accommodations around this holiday, please contact the presiding administrative law judge.

Compliance Filing	<b>TBD<sup>6</sup></b>
Suspension Date	<b>December 31, 2022</b>

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<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to WAC 480-07-880, Staff has five business days to review the Company's compliance filing prior to rates going into effect.