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March 17, 2016

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION ACTION AMENDING ORDER 07**

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:

In Order 07 in these dockets, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) authorized, for Puget Sound Energy (PSE), a multi-year rate plan with an annual escalation factor, also referred to as the K-factor. The Commission also “approve[d] the NWEK/PSE Amended Decoupling Petition and allow[ed] the proposed electric and natural gas decoupling mechanisms to become effective as filed.”<sup>1</sup> The Amended Decoupling Mechanisms included a rate case stay out period providing that:

The mechanism will remain in place, at a minimum, until the effective date of new rates set in PSE’s next general rate case. PSE will file a general rate case no sooner than April 1, 2015, and no later than April 1, 2016, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties to PSE’s last general rate case.”<sup>2</sup>

On March 9, 2016, PSE, Commission Regulatory Staff (Staff), the Public Counsel Unit of the Office of Attorney General (Public Counsel), Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, The Energy Project, NW Energy Coalition (NWEK), Federal Executive Agencies and the Sierra Club (collectively Joint Petitioners), filed their “Joint Petition to Modify Order 07” by extending the date by which PSE must file a general rate case until no

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<sup>1</sup> Order 07 ¶ 136.

<sup>2</sup> Order 07 ¶ 9, fn. 9 (citing Amended Decoupling Petition ¶ 20).

later than January 17, 2017. The remaining parties in these dockets, Nucor Steel, Kroger, and Cost Management Services do not oppose the relief requested, according to the Joint Petition.<sup>3</sup>

The Commission conducted a hearing on March 17, 2016, in accordance with WAC 480-07-875, and ruled from the Bench granting the parties' joint petition.

**THE COMMISSION ACCORDINGLY GIVES NOTICE THAT Order 07 in these dockets is amended by substituting the date January 17, 2017, for the date April 1, 2016, in paragraphs 9,<sup>4</sup> 137, and 166. Thus, PSE is relieved of its obligation to file and general rate case by April 1, 2016 and, instead, is required to file a general rate case no later than January 17, 2017.**

DENNIS J. MOSS  
Senior Review Judge

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<sup>3</sup> Joint Petition ¶ 2.

<sup>4</sup> The date is amended both in the body of ¶ 9 and in n. 9.