

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKETS UE-072300
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	and UG-072301 (<i>consolidated</i>)
)	
Complainant,)	
)	ORDER 15
v.)	
)	DENYING MOTION FOR
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	CLARIFICATION
)	
Respondent.)	
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.....)	

MEMORANDUM

1 In Order 14 in this proceeding, the Commission granted a request by Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE), to revise SQI-9: Disconnection Ratio, one of the Service Quality Index (SQI) benchmarks established in Dockets UE-011570 and UG-011571. Although they did not oppose PSE's request, Staff and The Energy Project suggested there may be a need for the Commission to revisit the standard in the future. Public Counsel also did not oppose the revision of SQI-9, but argued generically that such revisions should be considered in the context of general rate proceedings.

2 The only issue the Commission decided in Order 14 was whether SQI-9 should be revised as PSE requested. Acknowledging that there might be some need to take a further look at the matter, as suggested by Staff and The Energy Project, the Commission observed:

If experience under the revised standard between now and the time of PSE's next general rate proceeding indicates a need to revisit this issue, the general rate proceeding would be the appropriate docket in which to bring the issue forward.

According to PSE's Motion for Clarification, one or more parties, or their counsel, contend that this language requires that all future requests for modification to SQI

benchmarks must be brought to the Commission only in a general rate case. PSE asks us to clarify that this is not a requirement under Order 14.

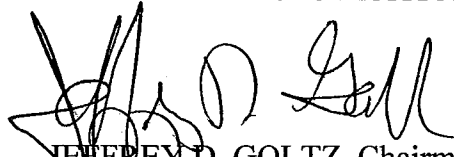
- 3 The Commission denies PSE's Motion for Clarification because it is unnecessary. The quoted language from Order 14 manifestly and unequivocally does not require that all requests for modification to SQI benchmarks must be brought to the Commission in a general rate case. In fact, Paragraph 11 says nothing about the appropriate forum to examine proposed modifications to other SQI benchmarks. Nor does the language even require review of revised SQI-9: Disconnection Ratio in the Company's next general rate case. The need for such a review, if any, might become apparent only after the time of PSE's next general rate case. In that event, some other docket necessarily would be the docket of choice and it might or might not be a general rate proceeding.

ORDER

- 4 THE COMMISSION ORDERS That Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s Motion for Clarification is denied.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 7, 2009.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION


JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman


PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner


PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner