

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKETS UE-072300
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	and UG-072301 (<i>consolidated</i>)
)	
Complainant,)	
)	ORDER 19
v.)	
)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	GRANTING PUGET SOUND
)	ENERGY’S PETITION TO EXTEND
Respondent.)	SQI SAIDI TEMPORARY
)	MECHANICS
.....)	

MEMORANDUM

- 1 On July 13, 2012, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (“PSE” or the “Company”) filed a petition seeking approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) to extend and modify certain elements related to Service Quality Index (“SQI”) No. 3 – System Average Interruption Duration Index (“SAIDI”) approved by Order 17 in these dockets on November 29, 2010. Staff supports the petition and recommends it be granted without hearing.
- 2 No other party filed an answer to PSE’s petition within the 20 day time period allowed under WAC 480-07-370.¹

¹ All parties to this proceeding were served with PSE’s Petition. The party representatives in the underlying general rate proceedings in Dockets UE-072300 and UG-072301 (consolidated) were as follows: Kirstin S. Dodge, Sheree S. Carson and Jason Kuzma, Perkins Coie, Bellevue, Washington, representing PSE. Simon ffitich, Assistant Attorney General, Seattle, Washington, representing the Public Counsel. S. Bradley Van Cleve and Irion Sanger, Davison Van Cleve, Portland, Oregon, representing the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities. Chad M. Stokes, Cable Huston Benedict Haagensen & Lloyd LLP, Portland, Oregon, representing Northwest Industrial Gas Users. Elaine L. Spencer, Graham & Dunn PC, Seattle, Washington, representing Seattle Steam Company. Michael L. Kurtz and Kurt J. Boehm, Boehm, Kurtz & Lowry, Cincinnati, Ohio, represent the Kroger Co., on behalf of its Fred Meyer Stores and Quality Food Centers divisions. Norman Furuta and Scott Johansen, Department of the Navy, San Francisco, California, and San Diego, California, respectively, represent the Federal Executive Agencies. Ronald L. Roseman, Attorney, Seattle, Washington, representing the Energy Project. Damon Xenopoulos and Shaun Mohler, Brickfield Burchette Ritts & Stone, Washington, D.C., represent Nucor Steel Seattle, Inc. Mr. Cedarbaum has represented Staff throughout these proceedings.

- 3 In Order 17, the Company committed both to establish an operational outage management system (“OMS”) by October 1, 2012 and to implement an electric geographic information system (“GIS”) by December 30, 2015. PSE also committed to request, by December 1, 2013, permanent amendments to the SQI SAIDI and other electric reliability measurements for the year 2014 and beyond. Interim benchmarks were established for the reporting periods 2010 through 2013
- 4 In its current petition, the Company seeks to extend the effectiveness of the interim performance mechanics for SQI SAIDI for an additional year through 2014. This request stems from acceleration of the implementation of the electric GIS to coincide with an operational OMS on July 1, 2013. The commitments outlined in PSE’s petition reflect these schedule changes.
- 5 Staff supports PSE’s petition because it will advance deployment of the electric GIS by over two years (from December 2015 to July 2013). Moreover, the one-year extension of the SQI SAIDI temporary mechanics will allow the Company to collect sufficient data from the new OMS with accuracy supported by the GIS. The extension will also allow PSE to work with Staff and other interested parties in setting permanent SQI electric service reliability measures based on industry accepted metrics.
- 6 After reviewing PSE’s unopposed Petition and Staff’s response in support, giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds and concludes that the relief PSE seeks is in the public interest and its Petition should be granted as filed.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 7 (1) Puget Sound Energy’s Petition for Extending SQI SAIDI Temporary Mechanics, previously approved in Order 17 in these dockets, is granted.

- 8 (2) Puget Sound Energy is authorized and required to make any compliance filing or other filing required to implement the terms of this Order within 10 days following its service date.
- 9 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction to effectuate the terms of this Order.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 10, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is a Commission Final Order. In addition to judicial review, administrative relief may be available through a petition for reconsideration, filed within 10 days of the service of this order pursuant to RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 480-07-850, or a petition for rehearing pursuant to RCW 80.04.200 and WAC 480-07-870.