

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKETS UE-072300
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	and UG-072301 ( <i>consolidated</i> )
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Complainant,	)	
	)	ORDER 25
v.	)	
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY,	)	GRANTING PUGET SOUND
	)	ENERGY’S PETITION TO EXTEND
Respondent.	)	SQI SAIDI TEMPORARY
	)	MECHANICS
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**BACKGROUND**

1 On December 1, 2014, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed a petition (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. No other party filed an answer to PSE’s petition.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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 ffitch, 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. Christopher Casey, Assistant Attorney General, represents Staff.

- 2 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.
- 3 On July 13, 2012, PSE requested that the Commission authorize a one-year extension of the temporary SQI SAIDI mechanics to 2014 to allow for adequate collection of electric reliability data from PSE's OMS. The OMS implementation date was delayed, mainly due to the accelerated implementation of the GIS from 2015 to 2013. The Commission approved PSE's petition on August 19, 2012, in Order 19 in these dockets.
- 4 The Company now seeks to extend the effectiveness of the interim performance mechanics for SQI SAIDI for an additional year, through 2015. The Company explains in its Petition that outage data continues to improve as business processes are refined and new software enhancements are implemented. The Company believes that at least another year of outage information from OMS is necessary to design permanent SQI SAIDI mechanics to replace the current temporary mechanics. The additional data is required to adequately assess the effect of improving outage reporting accuracy on PSE's electric service reliability statistics, and provides further insight into designing an unbiased electric reliability measurement in the new automated OMS environment. The commitments outlined in the Petition reflect this schedule change.
- 5 Staff again supports PSE's Petition because it 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 stakeholders to establish permanent SQI electric service reliability measures that are based on both PSE's OMS experience and industry-accepted standards.
- 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 December 30, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Commissioner