

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS |) | DOCKET UE-151344 |
| NORTHWEST INC., |) | |
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| Complainant, |) | |
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| v. |) | NOTICE OF PREHEARING |
| |) | CONFERENCE |
| PUGET SOUND ENERGY, |) | (Set for August 12, 2015, |
| |) | at 2:30 p.m.) |
| Respondent. |) | |
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1 On June 30, 2015, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (Frontier) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a formal complaint against Puget Sound Energy (PSE). On July 7, 2015, PSE filed an answer to the complaint. The complaint involves a dispute over the proper method for calculating utility pole attachment rates. A more detailed account of the dispute is reflected in the complaint, which is available for inspection at the Commission’s office located at Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, and on the Commission’s website at www.utc.wa.gov/151344. It is appropriate that the matters raised in the pleadings be brought for hearing before the Commission.

2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electrical utilities and telecommunications companies providing service within the state of Washington. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.28, RCW 80.36, and RCW 80.54 including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, RCW 80.04.220, RCW 80.04.230, RCW 80.54.020, and RCW 80.54.040.

3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

4 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. See WAC 480-07-440(1)(a).

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 2:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.** If you are unable to attend the prehearing conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line at (360) 664-3846. Please appear on the teleconference bridge five minutes before the conference is scheduled to begin.

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence and workpapers, identify the issues in the proceeding, and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

7 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

8 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

9 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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10 Administrative Law Judge Gregory J. Kopta, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.

- 11 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective July 24, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Steven V. King, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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Case Name: _____

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English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

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