

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET UE-900794
)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC. for)	THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL
an Order Approving an Amendment to)	ORDER APPROVING
a Service Area Agreement with the City)	AMENDMENT
of Tacoma)	
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 22, 1990, the Commission issued its Order in this docket approving Puget Sound Power & Light Company’s participation in a Service Area Agreement (“Agreement”) with the City of Tacoma, Washington (dba “Tacoma Power”), pursuant to Chapter 54.48 RCW.

- 2 On June 6, 1997, the Commission issued its First Supplemental Order in this docket, which allowed for revisions to the boundary descriptions in the Agreement.

- 3 On January 11, 2001, the Commission issued its Second Supplemental Order in this docket, which approved Amendment 1 Updating the Boundary Agreement, Exhibit A to the Agreement.

- 4 By third supplemental application (“Application”) filed September 18, 2001, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (“PSE”), the successor in interest to Puget Sound Power & Light Company, seeks Commission approval of Amendment 2 Updating the Boundary Agreement (“Amendment 2”).

- 5 Exhibit C to the Agreement depicts PSE’s Distribution Facilities located in the Tacoma Service Area, Agreement at ¶ 3.2. The parties now wish to amend the Agreement to: (1) reflect the deletion of certain facilities from Exhibit C; and, (2) have Tacoma Power provide electric service to certain customers at addresses listed in Amendment 2. The foregoing are set forth in Amendment 2 Updating the Boundary Agreement, which is attached to PSE’s Application at Tab 1. Puget now seeks to have the Commission approve Amendment 2.

- 6 Having reviewed the Application and Amendment 2, the Commission is of the opinion that: (i) Amendment 2 is consistent with the legislative policy enunciated in Chapter 54.48 RCW; (ii) the objectives and purposes specified in that legislation would be reasonably achieved by approval of Amendment 2; and (iii) that such approval is consistent with the public interest.

7 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on October 31, 2001. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined this order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this order.

FINDINGS

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

- 8 (1) PSE is engaged in the business of furnishing electric and gas service within the State of Washington as a public service company, and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- 9 (2) Amendment 2 to the Service Area Agreement, as filed by PSE on September 18, 2001, is in accordance with the Commission's Order in this docket and is consistent with the legislative policy enunciated in Chapter 54.48 RCW.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The Service Area Agreement originally approved by the Commission on August 22, 1990, and subsequently amended and approved on January 11, 2001, is further amended by the terms and conditions of Amendment 2 Updating the Boundary Agreement, pursuant to the provisions and requirements of RCW 54.48 *et seq.*
- 11 (2) Nothing herein shall be construed to waive or otherwise impair the jurisdiction of this Commission over the rates, services, accounts and practices of Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 31st day of October, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary