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October 12, 2005

Carole J. Washburn, Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re:

WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy

Docket No. PG-041624

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 17 copies of the Motion on Behalf of Commission Staff for Clarification of Commission Order No. 07, and Certificate of Service.

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Senior Counsel

DTT:kll Enclosures

cc: Parties

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

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PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. PG-041624

MOTION ON BEHALF OF COMMISSION STAFF FOR CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION ORDER NO. 07

Moving Party

This Motion is filed on behalf of Commission Staff.

Other Parties Support This Motion

Counsel for Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and the City of Bellevue (City) have authorized the undersigned to inform the Commission that PSE and the City, respectively, agree with this Motion, and they recommend the Commission consider and grant this Motion.

Facts and Discussion

This Motion is directed to Commission's Order No. 07, "Order Approving Settlement Agreement" (October 7, 2005) at 2, ¶ 4, second sentence, which states (emphasis added):

The Commission immediately initiated an Emergency Adjudication to investigate the cause of the explosion, which was alleged to be incorrect wiring in the VASA Park Rectifier.

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A review of the Complaint the Commission issued in this docket shows the Commission did not allege that the incorrectly wired rectifier caused the explosion.

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The Commission made a statement similar to that contained in Order No. 07, ¶ 4, second sentence, in its Notice of Emergency Adjudication (September 13, 2004) at 1, ¶1. The Commission corrected that statement on the record at the October 21, 2004 prehearing conference. As ALJ Ann Rendahl pointed out at that time:

The [September 13, 2004] notice states, and I quote: "The complaint alleges that PSE installed a VASC [sic] Park that caused the September 2nd, 2004, explosion at the house located at Southeast 26th Place, Bellevue, Washington." The notice should have read: "The complaint alleges that corrosion in service line caused the September 2nd, 2004, explosion at the house located at 16645 Southeast 26th Place, Bellevue, Washington, and that the incorrect configuration of a VASC [sic] Park Rectifier may have caused a dangerous condition which may present an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and welfare."

Tr. 8-9 (quotation marks added).

Relief Sought

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For the reasons stated above, Staff requests the Commission clarify ¶ 4 of its Order No. 1 to either: 1) Delete the phrase set forth in bold in ¶ 2 of this Motion; 2) Revise ¶4, second sentence, to state: "The Commission immediately initiated an Emergency Adjudication to investigate the cause of the explosion, and to address the possibility that the mis-wired VASA Park Rectifier presented an immediate

danger to the public health, safety and welfare;" or 3) change or add whatever other words the Commission deems appropriate to resolve the issue presented consistent with the foregoing discussion.

DATED this 12th day of October, 2005.

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Docket No. PG-041624 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the Motion on Behalf of Commission Staff for Clarification of Commission Order No. 07 upon the persons and entities listed on the Service List below by depositing a copy of said document in the United States mail, addressed as shown on said Service List, with first class postage prepaid.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 12th day of October, 2005.

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