

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKETS UE-111048
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	and UG-111049 (<i>consolidated</i>)
)	
Complainant,)	ORDER 06
)	
v.)	GRANTING PUBLIC COUNSEL’S
)	MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	THE DISCOVERY DEADLINE
)	(Now February 1, 2012)
Respondent.)	
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MEMORANDUM

- 1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING.** On June 13, 2011, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) certain tariff revisions designed to increase rates for electrical and natural gas services provided to customers in Washington. The Commission convened a prehearing conference in this proceeding at Olympia, Washington, on July 20, 2011, and subsequently entered Order 03, Prehearing Conference Order. The Prehearing Conference Order established the deadline for discovery as January 30, 2012.¹

- 2 **MOTION.** The Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of Attorney General (Public Counsel), a party, filed a Motion for Continuance of the Discovery Deadline (Motion) on January 24, 2012. Citing to the severe winter weather experienced by the Puget Sound region from January 17-20, 2012, and the resulting power outage, Public Counsel requests a continuance of the January 30, 2012, discovery deadline to February 1, 2012. Public Counsel also indicates that none of the parties opposes the Motion.

¹ Order 03, Appendix B.

3 *Discussion/Decision.* Pursuant to WAC 480-07-385(2), the Commission will grant a timely request for a continuance to which all parties agree unless it is inconsistent with the public interest or the Commission's administrative needs. Neither exception is applicable here.

4 The Commission's rules also require that a continuance request contain a specific date to which the deadline is being extended. Public Counsel seeks a two-day continuance of the discovery deadline. The Motion is not inconsistent with the public interest or the Commission's administrative needs, and it includes a specific date by which the deadline should be extended. Thus, Public Counsel's Motion should be granted.

ORDER

5 THE COMMISSION ORDERS that the Motion for Continuance of the Discovery Deadline, filed by the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of Attorney General, is granted.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 25, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge