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February 20, 2025

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS**  
**(Monday, March 24, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.)**

Re: Puget Sound Energy 2021 All Source RFP  
**Docket UE-210220**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

In response to a Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) order,<sup>1</sup> Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) began to work with Commission staff (Staff) and other stakeholders to file a request for proposals (RFP). The Commission approved the RFP with conditions on June 14, 2021. The final RFP sought to meet the Company's need for clean energy and peaking capacity, including 1,669 GWh of clean energy and 369 MW of peak capacity by 2026.<sup>2</sup> Bates White Economic Consulting (Bates White) served as the Company's Independent Evaluator (IE)<sup>3</sup> for this RFP in accordance with resource procurement rules and as approved by the Commission.<sup>4</sup>

PSE concluded this RFP and filed the closeout report on November 27, 2024. On December 31, 2024, PSE filed the IE final report, prepared by Bates White. Bates White reports that the newly contracted resources will produce 1,740 GWh of clean energy per year, will contribute 506 MW of winter peaking capacity and 540 MW of summer peaking capacity. These resources will come online between October 2025 and February 2028. In its report, Bates White states that the contracted resources represent the lowest reasonable cost bids, bidders were treated fairly, and

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<sup>1</sup> Order 04, Dockets UE-200413 and UE-200414, October 15, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Final 2021 All-source RFP at 4-5, Docket UE-210220, June 30, 2021.

<sup>3</sup> See Docket UE-210037.

<sup>4</sup> WAC 480-107-023.

the ranking of bids conformed with Commission rules detailed in WAC 480-107.<sup>5</sup> The IE also provided a series of recommendations for PSE to improve the process in future RFPs.

The Commission is now seeking written comments by 5 p.m., March 24, 2025. Interested persons may file comments on the final report filed with the Commission, including concerns about routine processes, such as administrative corrections or recommending removal of bids that do not comply with the minimum criteria identified in the RFP. However, no stakeholder, including the utility or commission staff, shall have any editorial review or control over the independent evaluator's final report.<sup>6</sup>

## WRITTEN COMMENTS

**Comments are due to the Commission on Monday, March 24, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.**

Submit comments via;

**Online:** <http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing>

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(Mailed comments can be on paper, flash drive, or a CD/DVD).

### Comments should include:

1. **PDF:** Upload/email your comments in .pdf form.
2. **Docket Number:** The docket number (Docket UE-210220). The docket number is like a case number used by Commission Staff to keep records on a specific filing.
3. **Name:** Include your full name.
4. **Title and Date:** Include the title and date of the comment or comments.

The Commission will post all electronic comments on its website. The web site is located at [UTC Case Docket Document Sets | UTC](#).

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<sup>5</sup> The Independent Evaluator's Final Report on Puget Sound Energy's 2021 All-Source Request for Proposal at 2-3, Bates White, Docket UE-210220, December 31, 2024.

<sup>6</sup> WAC 480-107-023(7).

If you have questions regarding this docket, you may contact staff lead Joel Nightingale at (360) 664-1154, or by email at [joel.nightingale@utc.wa.gov](mailto:joel.nightingale@utc.wa.gov). **When inquiring about the subject of this Notice, please refer to Docket UE-210220.**

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Executive Director and Secretary