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**NOTICE OF DATES FOR RESPONSES TO
MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER
(Written Due on May 14, 2004, by 12:00 Noon;
Oral To Be Heard on May 17, 2004)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.*, Docket Nos. UG-040640, *et al.*

TO ALL PARTIES AND PERSONS WHO HAVE PETITIONED TO INTERVENE:

On May 4, 2004, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., filed its Motion for Amended Standard Protective Order with "Highly Confidential" Provisions. On May 6, 2004, Public Counsel filed a letter requesting an opportunity to respond orally to the Motion at the first prehearing conference scheduled in this proceeding. Public Counsel states that PSE, Staff, and the Northwest Industrial Gas Users organization, which has filed a petition to intervene, agree to this approach.

The Commission finds there is good cause to permit oral responses to PSE's Motion at the first prehearing conference, scheduled for May 17, 2004, at 1:30 p.m., by separate notice issued today. Any written responses should be submitted electronically via e-mail no later than 12:00 noon on May 14, 2004.

The Commission encourages the parties to discuss informally any proposed changes to the form of order submitted as part of PSE's Motion, and to attempt to resolve any disputes concerning the proposed language prior to the prehearing conference.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that oral responses to PSE's Motion for Protective Order will be heard at the first prehearing conference in this proceeding, scheduled for May 17, 2004, at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission's main Hearing Room. Written responses are to be submitted electronically by 12:00 noon on May 14, 2004, with hard copy provided to the Commission via overnight delivery for official filing on May 17, 2004. Courtesy copies of any written response must be provided via e-mail by 12:00 noon on May 14, 2004, to all parties and persons who have petitioned to intervene.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge