

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-141505

ORDER 02

ORDER DISMISSING
COMPLAINT AND ORDER
SUSPENDING TARIFF
REVISIONS; GRANTING
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW
PROPOSED TARIFF REVISIONS

BACKGROUND

- 1 On July 24, 2014, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a proposed tariff revision, Schedule 138, under its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, Electric Service, that would create a voluntary program for its nonresidential customers to purchase renewable energy credits (RECs) in large volumes. The proposed tariff schedule included a banded rate of \$1 to \$12 per REC. On September 23, 2014, PSE filed substitute tariff pages that extended the effective date until October 17, 2014.
- 2 On October 16, 2014, the Commission issued Order 01, Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions and Interim Order Authorizing Filings Pursuant to RCW 19.29A.090 in Docket UE-141505. In Order 01, the Commission cited the need for further analysis to determine whether the banded rate provisions of RCW 80.28.075 and WAC 480-80-112(2) should apply to the bulk sale of RECs to nonresidential customers. The Commission also determined that PSE may file proposed rates, terms, and conditions for the sale of RECs to nonresidential customers for the Commission's approval under RCW 19.29A.090(5). PSE subsequently filed an agreement pursuant to that statute, which the Commission approved at its October 30, 2014, Open Meeting.
- 3 On December 10, 2014, PSE filed with the Commission a request for permission to withdraw the July 24, 2014, Schedule 138 tariff filing. PSE notes in its request that the

Commission's findings in Order 01 – that the Company may file proposed rates, terms, and conditions for the sale of RECs to nonresidential customers for the Commission's approval under RCW 19.29A.090(5) – eliminated the need for the July 24, 2014, filing.

DISCUSSION

4 We grant PSE's request to withdraw the July 24, 2014, tariff revisions, and dismiss the complaint and order suspending them. In Order 01, the Commission authorized PSE to file proposed rates, terms, and conditions for the sale of RECs to nonresidential customers pursuant to RCW 19.29A.090, which eliminated the need for a banded rate tariff.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property, and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric companies.
- 6 (2) PSE is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meetings on September 24, 2014, October 16, 2014, and January 29, 2015.
- 8 (4) On October 16, 2014, the Commission issued Order 01, Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket UE-141505.
- 9 (5) On December 10, 2014, PSE filed with the Commission a request for permission to withdraw its proposed tariff revision.
- 10 (6) It is consistent with the public interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in this docket and to grant PSE's request to withdraw its proposed tariff revisions filed with the Commission on July 24, 2014, and substituted on September 23, 2014.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) Order 01, the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions, in Docket UE-
141505, entered on October 16, 2014, is dismissed.
- 12 (2) Puget Sound Energy's request to withdraw the tariff revisions filed in this docket
on July 24, 2014, and substituted on September 23, 2014, is granted, effective
January 29, 2015.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 29, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary