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**NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC STATUS CONFERENCE  
(Scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Complainant, v. Puget Sound Energy, Respondent*, Docket UE-100177

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 4, 2010, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered an order, Order 04, which found that Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) Biennial Conservation Target Report (Report) was insufficient, and directed PSE to re-file its Report using figures derived from its Integrated Resource Plan. PSE filed a revised Report on June 18, 2010 (re-filed Report). The Commission invited the parties to comment on whether the re-filed Report complies with the Order 04. Comments were received from: the NW Energy Coalition (NWEC), the Commission's regulatory staff (Staff), and the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of the Attorney General (Public Counsel). Each of the commenters agreed that PSE's re-filed Report is consistent with Order 04 but indicated that additional conditions should be imposed upon the company. The commenters did not specify which conditions the Commission should impose, and instead suggested that the Commission allow the parties to collaborate in their development.

The Commission held a status conference on July 30, 2010, and the parties indicated that they had reached consensus on most of the conditions. They asserted that only eight conditions remain to be discussed. The parties stated that they have scheduled five meetings over the next six weeks to resolve the remaining eight conditions by September 16, 2010.

The Commission certainly understands and appreciates the parties' desire to resolve their differences via negotiation. However, every case must eventually conclude, and occasionally negotiations cease producing results. For that reason, the Commission

establishes a two week deadline for the parties to negotiate amongst themselves the remaining eight conditions. At that time, the Commission will hold a telephonic status conference to receive an update on the progress of the negotiations and whether any conditions remain unresolved. If any outstanding issues remain unresolved at that time, the parties should come prepared to discuss a procedural schedule for hearing. The Commission may entertain a request to continue negotiations for an additional week if parties have negotiated in good faith and are continuing to show substantial progress is being made in the negotiations. Should the parties resolve all of the outstanding issues relating to the eight remaining conditions prior to the telephonic status conference, they should notify the administrative law judge and file a joint statement of conditions with the Commission.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That a telephonic status conference in this matter will be held on Monday, August 16, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 206, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W., Olympia, Washington.** If you are unable to attend the conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line, **360-664-3846**. Please appear on the teleconference bridge five minutes before the conference is scheduled to begin.

Sincerely,

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER  
Administrative Law Judge