### BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

# WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

In the Matter of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

Request to Implement Purchased Gas Adjustment On Less Than Statutory Notice DOCKET NOS. UE-011570 and UG-011571 (Consolidated)

# JOINT REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF MINISTERIAL ERRORS

DOCKET NO. UG-021059

1. Pursuant to WAC 480-09-815(2), Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE" or the

"Company"), the Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the Public

Counsel Section of the Attorney General's Office and Intervenor

Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("Joint Requesters") hereby jointly

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PERKNS COE LEP One Bellevue Center, Suite 1800 411 - 108th Avenue Northeast Bellevue, WA 98004-5584 (425) 453-6980 request that the Commission correct certain ministerial errors that appear in the Commission's Thirteenth Supplemental Order: Rejecting Tariff Filing; Approving and Adopting Settlement Stipulation; Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing in Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UG-011571 and the Commission's Order Approving Purchased Gas Adjustment on Less than Statutory Notice in Docket No. UG-021059 dated August 28, 2002 (the "Order").

2. WAC 480-09-815(2) provides that the Commission "on its own motion or on the request of any party may correct obvious or ministerial errors by letter from the secretary or by subsequent order." The Commission's Order contains several errors that are obvious or ministerial, but that should be corrected for clarity of the records in these proceedings. The Joint Requesters respectfully request that the Commission issue a corrected Order to address the proposed revisions set forth below. None of the proposed revisions disrupt the Commission's authorization to PSE to either implement the Purchased Gas Adjustment approved at the August 28, 2002 Open Meeting or to file tariff sheets to effectuate the Settlement Stipulation. *See* Order, ¶¶ 50-51.

#### **Revenue Requirement**

3. Page 1, Synopsis and page 9, ¶ 19: The \$35,584,003 revenue requirement *deficiency* is described as the revenue requirement itself. PSE's actual revenue requirement, after inclusion of the \$35,584,003 revenue requirement *deficiency* to which the parties agreed, and which the Order approved, is actually \$652,480,437. *See* Exhibit 606, Settlement Stipulation, Exhibit A at ¶ 3; Exhibit 603T at p. 3. The Joint Requesters suggest that the word "deficiency" be added after "revenue requirement" at page 1, and that page 9 be changed to read: "to reduce the natural gas revenue requirement *deficiency* to \$35,584,003, *for a total revenue requirement of* \$652,480,437."

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JOINT REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF MINISTERIAL ERRORS - 2 [/Joint Request for Corrections.DOC] 4. <u>Page 9, ¶ 19, line 2</u>: The \$4 million reduction to the revenue requirement is included in the 5.77% increase rather than in addition to it, as described in the Order. The Joint Requesters suggest changing the "and" to "which includes" and replacing "an additional" with "a" so that the sentence reads: "By this Settlement Stipulation, the Participating Parties request that the Commission approve an overall 5.77 per cent increase in natural gas rates, which includes a \$4 million reduction to the revenue requirement agreed to in the Electric and Common Settlement....."

5. <u>Page 9, ¶ 19</u>: The \$6,622,815 adjustment referred to in the first bullet is not a single adjustment in addition to the others, but is the sum of all of the agreed adjustments to operating income in the test year (including the collaborative adjustments). The Joint Requesters suggest changing the wording of the first bullet from "An adjustment" to "A number of adjustments."

#### Witness Reference

6. Page 9, ¶ 21, 1st Bullet: The reference to witnesses "Karzmar, Parvinen, *Lott*" should be to "Karzmar, Parvinen, *Lazar*".

#### **Purchased Gas Adjustment**

7. Page 10, ¶ 24 and Page 11, ¶ 30: The reference to a "commodity rate reduction *of.* \$0.28 per therm" is incorrect. The reduction to the commodity rate component is approximately \$0.04, which reduces the commodity component of the rate to approximately \$0.28, and the average demand component is reduced approximately \$0.015, resulting in the rates shown in Appendix B to the Order. The Joint Requesters suggest that the sentence should read: "a gas cost rate reduction of approximately \$0.055 per therm."

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of August 2002.

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