

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

SEATTLE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL;
OVERLAKE HOSPITAL MEDICAL
CENTER; HOSPITAL CENTRAL
SERVICES ASSOCIATION; COSTCO
WHOLESALE CORPORATION;
NORTHWEST BAKING LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP, d/b/a NORTHWEST
BANKING COMPANY; FIRST CALL
PLUS OF WASHINGTON, L.L.C.;
REPAUL TEXTILES LLC d/b/a
STERILE SURGICAL SYSTEMS;
SHINING OCEAN, INC.; TUCCI &
SONS, INC.; WESTROCK CP, LLC;
NUCOR STEEL SEATTLE INC.; ACE
GALVANIZING, INC.; GARDNER
ASPHALT CORPORATION; and
WESTERN WOOD PRESERVING CO.,

Complainants,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-190857

ORDER 01

GRANTING MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 1, 2019, Seattle Children’s Hospital; Overlake Hospital Medical Center; Hospital Central Services Association; Costco Wholesale Corporation; Northwest Baking Limited Partnership d/b/a Northwest Baking Company; First Call Plus of Washington, L.L.C.; Repaul Textiles LLC, d/b/a Sterile Surgical Systems; Shining Ocean, Inc.; Tucci & Sons, Inc.; Westrock CP, LLC; Nucor Steel Seattle Inc.; Ace Galvanizing, Inc.; Gardener Asphalt Corporation; and Western Wood Preserving Co. (collectively, Complainants) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a formal complaint (Complaint) against Puget Sound Energy (PSE or

Company). The Complaint alleges that PSE unlawfully imposed upon the Complainants “curtailment penalties” of more than \$900,000 in violation of the Company’s tariff.

2 On October 16, 2019, the Commission served the Complaint on PSE.

3 On November 5, 2019, PSE filed an unopposed motion to extend the deadline for filing an answer to the Complaint until November 12, 2019.¹

DISCUSSION

4 Under WAC 480-07-370, a respondent must file any answer to a formal complaint, whether required or optional, within 20 days after the Commission serves the complaint on the respondent, or by such other time as the Commission specifies in the notice accompanying the complaint. A respondent must file an answer to a complaint brought by any other party other than the Commission. Accordingly, PSE is required to file an answer to the Complaint.

5 In its Motion, PSE explains that its counsel was not served with the notice of Complaint and requests additional time to respond in light of those circumstances.

6 Because no party objects to PSE’s Motion, the Commission grants the Motion and extends the deadline for PSE to file a response to the Complaint until November 12, 2019, at 5 p.m.

ORDER

7 THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT Puget Sound Energy’s Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Complaint is GRANTED.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 6, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ Rayne Pearson
RAYNE PEARSON
Administrative Law Director

¹ PSE represented in its motion that Complainants do not oppose the Motion, but that it was unable to confirm Commission staff’s (Staff) position. On November 6, 2019, counsel for Staff confirmed via email that Staff does not oppose the Motion.