BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against  PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.  In the Amount of $104,300 | DOCKET U-100182  JOINT MOTION TO ACCEPT FULL PAYMENT OF PENALTY; REQUIRE INVESTIGATION OF TWENTY-SIX SPECIFIC ACCOUNTS; REQUIRE CONTINUED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION; AND TERMINATE PROCEEDING |

1. BACKGROUND AND DECISION
2. On October 8, 2010, the Commission issued a penalty assessment against Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE or the company), in the amount of $104,300, for violation of several commission rules primarily pertaining to the proper handling of prior obligation. On October 27, 2010, PSE filed its Application for Mitigation, in which it admitted the violations and requested a hearing. On November 15, 2010, Commission Staff filed its response to PSE’s Application, in which staff did not oppose setting the matter for hearing, but opposed mitigation of the penalty. On November 17, 2010, the Commission issued a Notice of Brief Adjudicative Proceeding set for December 20, 2010. On December 10, 2010, the parties met to discuss the issues. Following discussion, the Company agreed to: (1) pay the full penalty amount, (2) allow the Company’s December 10, 2010, PowerPoint presentation summarizing the actions it has agreed to take to ensure compliance with commission rules to be entered into the record, (3) investigate twenty-six specific accounts, and (4) continue to comply with plan implementation.[[1]](#footnote-1) That plan includes extensive process improvement, training, and quality assurance.

II. CONCLUSION

1. For the above reasons, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., and Commission Staff jointly request that the Commission enter an Order: (1) accepting full payment of the penalty, (2) requiring investigation of twenty-six specific accounts, (3) requiring continued plan implementation, as described in the Company’s PowerPoint presentation, and (4) terminating this proceeding. We wish to proceed on this paper record.

DATED this \_\_\_ day of December 2010.

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1. The twenty-six specific accounts are set forth in Attachment A to this pleading. The PowerPoint presentation is Attachment B to this pleading. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)