

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UE-070565
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 01
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS;
)	INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION
Respondent.)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On March 20, 2007, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., (PSE or the Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, as listed in the appendix attached to this Order. The stated effective date of the revised tariff sheets is April 20, 2007. This filing is a proposal by PSE to increase electric rates to recover additional power costs and costs associated with the acquisition of a 277 MW gas-fired combined cycle electric generation facility in Goldendale, Washington. This power cost only rate case (PCORC) filing is authorized by the Settlement Stipulation approved by the Commission in Dockets UE-011570 and UG-011571. With this filing, the Company requests an increase in electric rates of \$64,680,804 or 3.67 percent.
- 2 PSE expressed no objection to entry of a Commission complaint and order suspending the tariff pages filed on March 20, 2007, without consideration at an open public meeting.
- 3 The Commission finds that the filing would increase charges and rates for service provided by PSE. Because these increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and PSE has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just and reasonable, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings if necessary to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just and reasonable.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (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, and transfers of public service companies, including electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040; RCW 80.04; and RCW 80.28.*
- 5 (2) PSE is an electric and gas company and is a public service company subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) The tariff revisions PSE filed on March 20, 2007, would increase charges and rates for service provided by PSE, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 7 (4) PSE has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions would result in rates that are fair, just and reasonable.
- 8 (5) In order to perform its statutory duties, and as authorized in RCW 80.04.130, it is necessary to suspend the Company's tariff sheets for a period not to exceed 10 months from the stated effective date of the tariff revision and set this matter for hearing. The Commission will investigate PSE's books, accounts, practices and activities; make any necessary valuation or appraisal of PSE's property; and investigate and appraise various phases of PSE's operations.
- 9 (6) As required by RCW 80.04.130(4), PSE bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just and reasonable.
- 10 (7) PSE may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of RCW 80.20.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The tariff revisions filed on March 20, 2007, are suspended.
- 12 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 13 (3) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
- 14 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s, books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described above.
- 15 (5) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of RCW 80.20.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 26, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

Appendix

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