BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
)	DOCKET NO. UE-011170
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.)	
)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
for an Order Authorizing Deferral of)	CONFERENCE
Certain Electric Energy Supply Costs.)	(September 4, 2001)
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- On August 21, 2001, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. filed with the Commission a petition seeking an order authorizing deferral of expenditures for certain electric energy supply costs and for approval effective November 1, 2001, of an electric tariff rider (Schedule 395) for recovery in electric rates of certain electric energy supply costs. The tariff rider will be an item on the agenda at the Commission's August 29, 2001, Open Meeting under Docket No. UE-011163. A complete copy of the non-confidential portions of the petition is available from the Commission upon request. Because the dockets are related, the Commission anticipates that if the effect of the tariff rider is suspended the Commission will issue a notice of prehearing conference for that docket on the same day and at the same time and place specified in this notice so prehearing issues relevant to both matters may be considered.
- Hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413 RCW, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric utilities. Statutes and rules cited in the petition include RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.28.020, WAC 480-09-420(7), and WAC 480-09-135. In addition to the foregoing, statutes and rules involved include those within chapters 80.04 and 80.28 RCW and chapters 480-09 and 480-100 WAC. The ultimate issues include whether the proposed deferral of expenditures for certain electric energy supply costs is just, fair, reasonable, and sufficient and in the public interest. In accordance with the provisions of RCW 80.04.130, the burden of proof to show that the rates produced by the filing are just and reasonable shall be upon the respondent. The issue as to the justness and reasonableness of the rates includes consideration of alternative rate design or structure.
- 3 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That in accordance with WAC 480-09-700(1)(a), the Commission has determined that good cause exists for this matter to be heard on shortened notice.
- 4 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 4, 2001, in the Commission's Hearing Room,

Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

- The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider formulating the issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matter to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-09-460. Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to the hearing date or made orally at the hearing. The time and place for the evidentiary hearing will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice. Appearances will be taken.
- If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.
- NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING SET BY THIS NOTICE, OR ANY OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 34.05.440. THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SANCTION PROVISIONS OF WAC 480-09-700(4) ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOKED.
- The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- C. Robert Wallis has been designated as the Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, and will preside at the prehearing conference.
- The Commission will provide at its offices in Olympia, Washington, current records of the hearing for the use of those who may wish to review them. The Public Counsel section of the Office of the Attorney General has been designated by the Attorney General to represent the public. The address of the Commission, shown below, may be used for inquiries of Public Counsel, or Public Counsel may be contacted directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Executive Secretary

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PLEASE BE ADVISED that the hearing facilities are accessible to interested people with disabilities; that smoking is prohibited; and that if limited English-speaking or hearing impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

The information needed to provide an appropriate interpreter or other assistance should be designated below and returned to:

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(SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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Case Name: Petition of PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

Hearing Date:_______ Hearing Location:________

Primary Language:________

Hearing Impaired (Yes)______ (No)______

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter: (Yes)______ (No)______

Visual______ Tactile______

Other type of assistance needed:_______

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

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