

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

For Approval of Certain Property
Transfers in Connection with Master
Service Agreement With Quanta
Services, Inc.

DOCKET NO. UE-020378

ORDER APPROVING
TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY

MEMORANDUM

- 1 On March 28, 2002, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) under the provisions of RCW 80.12.020 for an Order from the Commission authorizing the Company to lease certain real property, to license the use of Company assets, and to transfer certain equipment and vehicles to Quanta Services, Inc. The market value of equipment and vehicles that PSE seeks approval to transfer is approximately \$5.2 million.
- 2 PSE has also requested approval to transfer other property to Quanta Services, Inc., in Docket UE-010824. Those transfers are associated with the first phase of PSE outsourcing certain construction, operations and maintenance activities to Quanta Services, Inc. The property transfers PSE seeks approval for here are associated with the second phase of outsourcing.
- 3 RCW 80.12.020 provides that “no public service company shall, sell, lease, assign or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of its franchise, property or facilities whatsoever, which are necessary or useful in the performance of its duties to the public, without having secured from the Commission an order authorizing it to do so.”

FINDINGS

- 4 (1) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., is engaged in the business of electric and gas service within the state of Washington as a public service company, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5 (2) On March 28, 2002, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., filed with the Commission

an application for an order seeking authority to lease certain real property, to license the use of certain Company assets, and to transfer certain equipment and vehicles to Quanta Services, Inc.

- 6 (3) The proposed transfer of property does not appear inconsistent with the public interest.
- 7 (4) The proposed accounting by Puget Sound Energy, Inc., for the transfers is reasonable and should be approved.

ORDER

- 8 (1) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., is authorized to lease certain real property, to license the use of Company assets, and to transfer certain equipment and vehicles to Quanta Services, Inc., as described in its application.
- 9 (2) The accounting treatment proposed by Puget Sound Energy, Inc., for the property transfers is approved.
- 10 (3) The Order shall in no way affect the authority of this Commission over rates, services, accounts, evaluations, estimates, or determination of costs on any matters whatsoever that may come before it, nor shall anything herein be construed as an acquiescence in any estimate or determination of costs claimed or asserted.
- 11 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Puget Sound Energy, Inc., to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 10th day , of April, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner