

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

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UE-111799
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER APPROVING DEMAND
Proposed Request for Proposals)	RESPONSE REQUEST FOR
)	PROPOSAL
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 12, 2011, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a proposed Request for Proposals for Program Design and Implementation Services for Demand-Side Capacity Reductions from Targeted Commercial-Industrial Customers (Demand Response RFP) pursuant to WAC 480-107-015. The RFP was posted on the Commission’s Web site on October 12, 2011.

- 2 WAC 480-107-015(3)(b) provides that a utility must submit a proposed request for proposals (RFP) and accompanying documentation describing its solicitation of bids for delivering electric capacity, energy, or electric capacity and energy, or conservation no later than 135 days after the utility's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is due to be filed with the Commission. PSE’s August 1, 2011, Draft All Sources RFP in Docket UE-111405 met the filing deadline. This filing is in accordance with WAC 480-107-015(4), which allows RFPs for projects with specific characteristics and which may be filed more frequently than required by this rule.

- 3 Interested persons are provided a 60-day opportunity within which to provide comments on the proposed RFP. After the close of the 60-day comment period, the Commission has 30 days to determine whether to approve or suspend the RFP, as filed.

- 4 The Commission issued a Notice for Comment to all interested persons on October 25, 2011. The comment period for PSE’s proposed RFP closed on December 12, 2011. During the comment period, the Commission received no comments on the Demand Response RFP.

- 5 WAC 480-107-015(3)(c) provides that a utility must solicit bids for electric power and electrical savings within 30 days of a Commission order approving an RFP.

- 6 Staff subsequently reviewed the current IRP and contents of the proposed RFP for consistency with the rule. Staff believes that the Company has met the process and content requirements of WAC 480-107-015 and WAC 480-107-025, and therefore recommends that the Commission approve the proposed RFP.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric companies. [RCW 80.01.040](#), [RCW 80.04](#), [RCW 80.08](#), [RCW 80.12](#), [RCW 80.16](#) and [RCW 80.28](#).
- 8 (2) PSE is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 9 (3) [WAC 480-107-015](#) allows companies to file Request for Proposals including that for which PSE seeks approval.
- 10 (4) Staff has reviewed the RFP in Docket UE-111799, including related work papers.
- 11 (5) Staff believes the proposed Demand Response Request for Proposals order PSE requests is reasonable and should be granted, due to its compliance with WAC 480-107-015(4) and WAC 480-107-025.
- 12 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 15, 2011.
- 13 (7) After reviewing PSE's RFP, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that the Demand Response Request for Proposals filed should be approved.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 14 (1) Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s request to approve their Demand Response Request for Proposal is granted.
- 15 (3) This Order shall not affect the Commission's authority over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, on any matters that may come before it. Nor shall this Order granting Petition be construed as an agreement to any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.
- 16 (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 December 15, 2011.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner