Service Date: April 26, 2024

## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

DOCKETS UE-240004 and UG-240005

(Consolidated)

Complainant,

ORDER 05

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

**DOCKET UE-230810** 

In the Matter of the Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

Petitioner,

ORDER 03

For an Accounting Order Authorizing deferred accounting treatment of purchased power agreement expenses pursuant to RCW 80.28.410

GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REVISED TESTIMONY

## **BACKGROUND**

- On February 15, 2024, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service, and its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, Natural Gas.
- On April 10, 2024, PSE filed a Motion for Leave to File Revised Testimony (Motion). PSE explains that after it filed its direct testimony on February 16, 2024, the Company discovered an inadvertent omission in its direct testimony while responding to a data request from Commission staff (Staff). Specifically, PSE discovered that a Corporate Spending Authorization (CSA) related to the Winslow Tap transmission line was inadvertently omitted from the Third Exhibit to the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Roque B. Bamba. Exh. RBB-4. PSE explained that it believed the error to be relatively minor, in

that it would not substantively change the testimony of the witness. Nonetheless, in an abundance of deference to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-460(1)(a)(i), PSE seeks leave to revise the filing so as to enable a more complete record.

In its Motion, PSE separately notes it was filing revised testimony to correct several minor and non-substantive errors into the Prefiled Direct Testimonies of Matt Steuerwalt and Ned W. Allis; along with revisions to the Confidential version of the Seventh Exhibit to the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Colin P. Crowley. PSE has not requested leave to make these changes. PSE submits that these revisions are not substantive, and the Company does not need to request leave to file these revisions.

## **DISCUSSION**

- WAC 480-07-460(1)(a)(i) permits parties to seek leave from the presiding officer by written motion if they wish to revise prefiled testimony or exhibits with substantive changes, and WAC 480-07-460(1)(b) requires parties to file motions to make substantive changes as soon as practicable after discovering the need to make the change.
- We grant PSE's Motion. No party has objected to PSE's Motion. As required by WAC 480-07-460(1)(a)(i), PSE has requested leave from the presiding officer to file this substantive revision, and the Company filed the revised testimony with its Motion. PSE has also sought to correct these errors in a timely fashion, well before any evidentiary hearing.
- PSE also submits revised testimony and exhibits for its witnesses Matt Steuerwalt, Colin P. Crowley, and Ned W. Allis. No party has objected to PSE's characterization of these revisions as minor and non-substantive in nature. It is not necessary to address these revised exhibits further in this Order.

## **ORDER**

7 THE COMMISSION ORDERS That Puget Sound Energy's Motion is GRANTED.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective April 26, 2024.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ Bijan Hughes
BIJAN HUGHES
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an Interlocutory Order of the Commission. Administrative review may be available through a petition for review, filed within 10 days of the service of this Order pursuant to WAC 480-07-810.