

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET UE-070565
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
	)	CONFERENCE
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,	)	(Set for April 11, 2007, 1:30 p.m.)
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Respondent.	)	
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1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING:** Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) filed on March 20, 2007, revisions to its Tariff WN U-60. PSE seeks to increase electric rates to recover additional power costs and costs associated with the acquisition of a new power generating resource. The new power generation asset is a 277 MW gas-fired combined cycle electric generation facility in Goldendale, Washington. The total requested rate increase for electric customers is \$64,680,804, a 3.67 percent increase in revenue.

2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric utilities. Applicable statutes include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, and 80.28 relating to rates. More specifically, the applicable statutes include but are not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, RCW 80.28.020, RCW 80.28.030, RCW 80.28.070, RCW 80.28.090, and RCW 80.28.100. Applicable rules include those within WAC 480-07 and WAC 480-100.

3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

4 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice.  
See WAC 480-07-440(1)(a).

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference  
in this matter at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, in the Commission's  
Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park  
Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider any requests for intervention,  
to resolve scheduling matters such as establishing dates for prefilings testimony and  
exhibits and distributing workpapers, to identify the issues in the proceeding and to  
determine other matters that may assist the Commission in resolving this matter.

7 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene  
in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference.  
See WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene  
during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party  
representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the  
business day before the conference. See WAC 480-07-345(2). If any party or witness  
needs an interpreter or other assistance, they should fill out the form attached to this  
notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place  
for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later  
conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

8 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or  
participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of  
this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440. The Commission  
specifically invokes the sanction provisions of WAC 480-07-450 which allow the  
Commission to seek penalties for a party in default.**

9 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known  
representatives are as follows:

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10 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.

- 11 The Attorney General has designated Simon ffitich of the Office of the Public Counsel to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 12 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 27, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Executive Secretary

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Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, 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.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Carole J. Washburn, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket : \_\_\_\_\_

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Impaired (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter:

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Other type of assistance needed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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