

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

In the Matter of)	DOCKET UE-091618
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.'S)	ORDER 01
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Proposed Request for Proposals)	ORDER APPROVING REQUESTS
.....)	FOR PROPOSALS

BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 12, 2009, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (“PSE or Company”), filed a proposed Request for Proposals for All Generation Sources (“All Sources RFP”) and a proposed Request for Proposals for Electric and Gas Demand-Side Resources (“Energy Efficiency RFP”) with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to WAC 480-107. The RFPs were posted on the Commission’s Web site on October 12, 2009.

- 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 one hundred thirty-five days after the utility's integrated resource plan is due to be filed with the Commission. Interested persons are then provided a sixty-day opportunity within which to provide comments on the proposed RFP. After the close of the sixty-day comment period, the Commission has thirty days to determine whether issuance of the RFP is in the public interest or to suspend the filing for hearing.

- 3 The Commission issued a Notice for Comment to all interested persons on October 23, 2009. The sixty-day comment period, starting from the filing and public posting date, for PSE’s proposed RFPs closed on December 11, 2009. During the sixty-day comment period, the Commission received no comments on either the All Sources RFP or the Energy Efficiency RFP.

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

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (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.*
- 6 (2) PSE is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 23, 2009.
- 8 (4) PSE has demonstrated that the request for proposal filing for both All Generation Sources and Electric and Gas Demand-Side Resources is in the public interest.
- 9 (6) After reviewing PSE's Requests for Proposals filed on October 12, 2009, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds it is in the public interest to approve PSE's Requests for Proposals, as authorized by WAC 480-107.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The proposed Request for Proposals from All Generation Sources and the proposed Request for Proposals for Electric and Gas Demand-Side Resources Puget Sound Energy, Inc., filed on October 12, 2009, are approved pursuant to WAC 480-107-015(3)(b).
- 11 (3) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., must issue a solicitation for bids for electric power and electrical savings within thirty days of the date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-107-015(3)(c).

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 23, 2009.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary