December 16, 2010

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE REVISION (Striking Brief Adjudicative Proceeding set for December 20, 2010)

RE: In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment Against Puget Sound Energy, Inc., in the amount of \$104,300, Docket U-100182

TO ALL PARTIES:

On October 12, 2010, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued Penalty Assessment U-100182 against Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) in the amount of \$104,300, alleging 1,043 violations of Washington Administrative Codes (WACs) 480-90 and 480-100.

On October 27, 2010, PSE filed an application for mitigation, admitted the alleged violations and requested a hearing and decision by an administrative law judge. PSE indicated it was continuing to review the alleged violations and would seek to engage with Commission Staff prior to the hearing in order to resolve any areas of disagreement.

On November 15, 2010, Commission Staff filed its Response, opposing mitigation of the penalty amount.

On November 17, 2010, the Commission entered a *Notice of Brief Adjudicative Proceeding; Setting Time for Oral Statements*, and scheduled a hearing for Monday, December 20, 2010.

On December 16, 2010, the parties filed a *Joint Motion to Accept Full Payment of Penalty; Require Investigation of Twenty-Six Specific Accounts; Require Continued Plan Implementation; and Terminate Proceeding*. The parties indicate that PSE has agreed to pay the full amount of the penalty and perform various other internal corporate processes, including an investigation into more than two dozen accounts. Therefore, the parties seek an order obligating PSE to pay the penalty, take the agreed upon actions, and terminating this proceeding, including the hearing scheduled for next week.

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The Commission concurs with the parties that further process in this matter appears unnecessary. The Commission will cancel the hearing and proceed on a paper record, reviewing the parties' supporting documentation to determine if the requested terms for resolving this docket are appropriate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a hearing scheduled in this matter for December 20, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. is stricken. The Commission will, in due course, issue an order ruling on the substantive matters addressed in the joint motion.

Sincerely,

ADAM E. TOREM Administrative Law Judge