

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

BELLINGHAM COLD STORAGE
COMPANY and GEORGIA-PACIFIC
WEST, INC.,

Complainants,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

NO. UE-001014

NO. UE-000735

SUPPLEMENTAL STATUS REPORT

1. Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") files this Supplemental Status Report in accordance with the Sixth Supplemental Order Granting Continuance ("Order") issued in these proceedings by the Commission on August 24, 2000.

2. On August 21, 2000, PSE, Bellingham Cold Storage Company ("BCS"), and Georgia-Pacific West, Inc., ("GP") (collectively, the "Parties") jointly moved for a 60-day continuance to facilitate good-faith settlement discussions.

3. The Commission issued the Order granting such continuance on August 24, 2000. On October 9, 2000, PSE filed a Status Report that, *inter alia*, informed the Commission that the Parties were participating in good-faith discussions and were diligently working to settle their differences. The October 9, 2000 Status Report also stated that PSE believed that progress was being made toward settlement.

4. PSE has engaged Schedule 48 Customers and Atlantic Richfield Company ("ARCO") as participants in ongoing discussions and negotiations. Schedule 48 Customers and ARCO are intervenors in these proceedings (collectively, "Customer Intervenors"). Customer Intervenors assert a substantial interest in the resolution of the complaint and assert that their interest will not be adequately represented by any other party.

5. In this regard, Schedule 48 Customers have represented through their legal counsel:

The Schedule 48 Customers have *a substantial interest in the*

resolution of Bellingham Cold Storage Company's ("BCS") and Georgia-Pacific, Inc.'s ("GP") special contracts complaint against Puget, which will not be adequately represented by any other party. Many aspects of the special contracts between BCS and GP and Puget are similar to Puget's Rate Schedule 48 tariff, as Schedule 48 was patterned after these special contracts. Any resolution of the instant proceeding may affect Schedule 48. This proceeding, therefore, directly affects the interests of Schedule 48 customers.

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Because the Schedule 48 Customers *have a direct interest in this proceeding that is not adequately represented by any other party*, it is in the public interest to allow the Schedule 48 Customers to intervene in this proceeding. The Schedule 48 Customers, therefore, request that the Commission grant their Petition for Leave to Intervene and make the Schedule 48 Customers parties to this proceeding [sic]

Petition of Air Liquide, Air Products, The Boeing Company, Equilon Enterprises, and Tesoro Northwest Company for Leave to Intervene, p. 3 (emphasis added).

6. Similarly, ARCO asserts:

ARCO has previously entered into two special contracts with the respondent in this matter. ARCO's current special contract contains a *pricing formula based on the Mid Columbia Price Index*, (the "Index") and both the petitioners and respondents in this matter have indicated that *such Index will be an important issue in the proceedings*.

Petition of ARCO for Leave to Intervene, p. 2 (emphasis added).

7. The objective of including Customer Intervenors in ongoing discussions and negotiations is to arrive at a settlement of the underlying issues in dispute that satisfies the interests of the Parties and the Customer Intervenors.

8. The discussions and negotiations by and between the Parties and the Customer Intervenors have been constructive and fruitful. These discussions and negotiations are ongoing. PSE is confident and optimistic that through these discussions and negotiations a settlement will be reached that is satisfactory to the Parties and to the Customer Intervenors.

9. PSE believes that it would be beneficial to continue settlement discussions.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of _____, 2000

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