

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND |) | |
| TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION |) | DOCKET NO. UE-060266 |
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| Complainant, |) | DOCKET NO. UG-060267 |
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| v. |) | |
| |) | NOTICE OF PREHEARING |
| PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC. |) | CONFERENCE |
| |) | (Set for Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at |
| Respondent. |) | 1:30 p.m.) |
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1 On February 15, 2006, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) filed with the Commission certain tariff revisions designed to effect general rate increases in its rates for electric service (Docket No. UE-060266) and gas service (Docket No. UG-060267) in this state.¹ The proposed revisions provide for general rate increases of 9.21 percent for the electric tariffs and 5.34 percent for the gas tariffs. The Commission, by Order, has suspended the operation of the general tariff revisions and has consolidated the dockets pending hearing or hearings concerning all such changes and the justness and reasonableness thereof.

2 PSE requests by motion that the Commission enter its standard form of Protective Order, amended to include provisions concerning the designation of documents as "Highly Confidential." WAC 480-07-420 and -423.

3 Hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and

¹ Docket No. UE-050870, Order No. 04, authorized PSE to file a general rate case by mid-February 2006 that would result in a new or restated Power Cost Baseline Rate to be effective on January 1, 2007.

RCW 34.05.452. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric and gas utilities. Statutes involved, in addition to those previously cited, include those within chapters 80.01, 80.04 and 80.28 RCW relating to rates, including but 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. Rules involved include those within chapters 480-07 WAC, 480-90 WAC, and 480-100 WAC.

4 The ultimate issues include whether the proposed tariff revisions are just, fair, reasonable, sufficient, and in the public interest. These issues may include consideration of alternative rate design or structure. In accordance with the provisions of RCW 80.04.130, PSE bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed tariff revisions are just and reasonable.

5 **NOTICE IS GIVEN That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 21, 2006, 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 take interventions, consider all pending motions, establish dates for distribution of the Company's direct evidence and workpapers and other scheduling matters, consider formulating the issues in the proceeding and to determine other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in Chapter 480-07 WAC.

7 Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to the hearing date or made orally at the hearing. The Commission prefers written petitions. Appearances will be taken at the prehearing conference. If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The time and place for the evidentiary hearings will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice.

8 **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That any party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing set by this notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default in accordance with RCW 34.05.440. The parties are further advised that the sanction provisions of WAC 480-07-450 are specifically invoked.**

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

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- 10 Ann E. Rendahl from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, will preside at the prehearing conference.
- 11 The Public Counsel section of the Office of the Attorney General has been designated by the Attorney General to represent the public. The Commission's address, shown below, may be used for inquiries of Public Counsel, or Public Counsel may be contacted directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 12 Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 28th day of February, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary

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The information needed to provide an appropriate interpreter or other assistance should be stated below and returned to Washington 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)

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Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

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Other type of assistance needed: _____

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

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