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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PETITION OF PUGET SOUND)
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR AN)
ORDER REGARDING THE ACCOUNTING)
TREATMENT OF RESIDENTIAL)
EXCHANGE BENEFITS)
.)

DOCKET NO. UE-920433

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)
Complainant,)

DOCKET NO. UE-920499

vs.)

PUGET SOUND POWER & LIGHT)
COMPANY,)
Respondent.)
.)

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)
Complainant,)

DOCKET NO. UE-921262

vs.)

PUGET SOUND POWER & LIGHT)
COMPANY,)
Respondent.)
.)

COMPLAINT AND ORDER
SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS;
ORDER INSTITUTING
INVESTIGATION; ORDER OF
CONSOLIDATION; AND,

NOTICE OF HEARING (1)
(JANUARY 4, 1993)

Puget Sound Power & Light Company, October 30, 1992,
filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective WN
U-60, Tariff G designated as:

- 7th Revised Sheet No. 2
- 3rd Revised Sheet No. 7
- Original Sheet No. 12
- 2nd Revised Sheet No. 24-a
- Original Sheet No. 25-a
- Original Sheet No. 26-a
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 29-a
- Original Sheet No. 30-a
- 3rd Revised Sheet No. 31-a
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 35-a
- Original Sheet No. 36-a
- Original Sheet No. 36-c
- Original Sheet No. 38-a
- Original Sheet No. 38-c
- Original Sheet No. 39-a

- 10th Revised Sheet No. 7
- Original Sheet No. 11
- 11th Revised Sheet No. 24
- Original Sheet No. 25
- Original Sheet No. 26
- 5th Revised Sheet No. 29
- Original Sheet No. 30
- 10th Revised Sheet No. 31
- 4th Revised Sheet No. 35
- Original Sheet No. 36
- Original Sheet No. 36-b
- Original Sheet No. 38
- Original Sheet No. 38-b
- Original Sheet No. 39
- Original Sheet No. 39-b

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Original Sheet No. 39-c	10th Revised Sheet No. 43
2nd Revised Sheet No. 43-a	10th Revised Sheet No. 46
4th Revised Sheet No. 46-a	Original Sheet No. 48
Original Sheet No. 48-a	10th Revised Sheet No. 49
9th Revised Sheet No. 50	1st Revised Sheet No. 50-a
9th Revised Sheet No. 51	9th Revised Sheet No. 52
9th Revised Sheet No. 53	2nd Revised Sheet No. 53-a
10th Revised Sheet No. 54	3rd Revised Sheet No. 54-a
10th Revised Sheet No. 55	9th Revised Sheet No. 57
6th Revised Sheet No. 58	1st Revised Sheet No. 58-a
3rd Revised Sheet No. 80-u	3rd Revised Sheet No. 80-v
1st Revised Sheet No. 80-w	1st Revised Sheet No. 80-x

The stated effective date of the revisions is November 30, 1992.

It appears to the Commission that the proposed tariff revisions would result in rates and charges, rate design and rate structure, which may be unfair, unjust, and unreasonable or insufficient. The Commission orders that public hearings be held concerning the tariff revisions so that it may set rates which are just and reasonable. In accordance with RCW 80.04.130, the burden of proof to show that the rates and charges are just and reasonable shall be upon the respondent.

In connection with such proceedings, the Commission deems it necessary in order to carry out the duties imposed upon it by law, to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of respondent and to investigate and appraise various phases of the operation of respondent.

The Commission previously authorized the company to submit these revised tariff sheets for the same rate schedules under suspension in Docket No. UE-920499. These additional revisions would be made in the context of a general rate increase filing; the company continues to present as "original" sheets the tariff revisions filed in Docket No. UE-920499.

The above captioned and docketed matters involve common questions of fact and law, and therefore should be consolidated for purposes of hearing and Commission decision.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The operation of the proposed tariff revisions is suspended for a period not exceeding ten months from the proposed effective date, pending hearing and Commission decision.

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2. An investigation of the books, accounts, practices, and activities of the company, and a valuation and appraisal of the company's property and operations shall be conducted.

3. The company shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the investigation, valuation, and appraisal, to the extent that requiring payment is consistent with the provisions of chapter 80.20 RCW.

4. The company shall provide the statement required by WAC 480-80-125 to its customers in the form and manner specified in the rule.

5. The Commission has set this matter for public hearing. Therefore, the statement required by WAC 480-80-125 shall include notice of the time and place for hearing provided by this order, and shall contain the address and telephone number at which Public Counsel may be contacted.

6. One or more additional hearing sessions concerning the justness and reasonableness of the proposed tariff revisions may be held at times and places designated by the Commission.

7. The above captioned and docketed matters are consolidated for hearing and decision, with the Commission reserving the right to issue separate orders in individual dockets as it may deem appropriate.

8. The joint petition of Puget and BPA for expedited consideration of Docket No. UE-920433 is denied.

9. All outstanding motions pertaining to these consolidated matters which are consistent with this order are approved; those which are inconsistent with this order are denied.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Hearings in these consolidated matters are 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 34.05.434, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. Statutes involved include those within chapter 80.01 RCW, chapter 80.04 RCW and chapter 80.28 RCW relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.04.250, RCW 80.28.010, RCW 80.28.020, RCW 80.28.090, and RCW 80.28.100. Rules involved include those within chapter 480-09 WAC relating to practice and procedure, including WAC 480-09-280 relating to obtaining data in adjudicative proceedings. In addition, pursuant to the Commission's First Supplemental Order in Docket No. UE-920630,

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the Commission will evaluate the currently authorized decoupling experiment and reserves the right to make whatever changes in that mechanism, accounting or otherwise, that are found to be in the public interest. The burden of proof is on the respondent to prove that the decoupling experiment remains in the public interest. The ultimate issues involved are whether the proposed increases and the rates are just and reasonable and consistent with the public interest. The issue as to the justness and reasonableness of the rates includes consideration of alternative rate design or structure. In accordance with the provisions of RCW 80.04.130 the burden of proof to show that the increases are just and reasonable shall be upon the respondent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a public hearing herein will be convened at 9:30 a.m., Monday, January 4, 1993, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington. Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to that date or made orally at that time. Appearances will be taken. Puget will be expected to have available at that time for distribution to all parties and interested persons copies of its direct testimony and exhibits that it proposes to present. Those documents will at that time be marked as exhibits. Puget need not have its witnesses in attendance as no oral testimony will be taken at that hearing session. Other preliminary matters may also be presented and resolved, and the matter may be recessed to a prehearing conference for the purposes enunciated in WAC 480-09-460 and WAC 480-09-480.

An Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Subdivision of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Third Floor, 2420 Bristol Court SW, Building E, Olympia, Washington 98504, (206) 753-6403, will be designated to preside at the hearing.

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

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Respondent/Petitioner:

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It is planned that specially designated hearing sessions for the purpose of receiving the testimony of members of the public will be held at a time and place to be set later. The Commission will provide at its offices in Olympia, Washington, current records of the hearing for the use of those who may wish to review them. The Public Counsel section of the office of Attorney General has been designated by the Attorney General to represent the public. The address of the Commission, 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. Public Counsel will be able to help members of the public to prepare their testimony if assistance is desired.

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If a limited English-speaking or hearing-impaired party needs an interpreter, a form is attached to this notice to be filled out and returned as indicated, so a qualified interpreter may be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 25th day of November 1992.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman



RICHARD D. CASAD, Commissioner



A. J. PARDINI, Commissioner

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The information needed to provide an appropriate interpreter should be designated below and returned to Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attn: Paul Curl, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98504. (SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket No.: _____

Case Name: _____ Your Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____

Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

Hearing Impaired (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Washington Utilities &
Transportation Commission

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. (____) _____