

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

In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment	)	DOCKET U-100182
Against	)	
	)	ORDER 01
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.	)	
	)	ORDER GRANTING JOINT
In the Amount of \$104,300	)	MOTION AND TERMINATING
	)	PROCEEDING
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1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING:** On October 12, 2010, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a penalty assessment against Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) in the amount of \$104,300, finding 1,043 violations of Washington Administrative Codes (WACs) 480-90 and 480-100.

2 **APPEARANCES:** Sheree Strom Carson, Perkins Coie, Bellevue, Washington, represents PSE. Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, represents Commission Staff.

3 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On October 27, 2010, PSE filed with the Commission an application for mitigation, admitting the specified violations and requesting that the matter be set for hearing and a decision by an administrative law judge. PSE also indicated that it was continuing its review of the alleged violations and anticipated engaging with Commission Staff after completing its investigation, and prior to the hearing, to attempt to resolve any areas of disagreement.

4 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.

5 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 submitted two supporting documents with the *Joint Motion* that are now part of the record in the case.

6 The Joint Motion explained that PSE had 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. The parties requested an order obligating PSE to pay the penalty, taking the agreed upon actions, and terminating the brief adjudication. That same day, the Commission issued a Notice striking the scheduled hearing.

7 **COMMISSION DECISION:** The Commission grants the joint motion and requires PSE to pay the full amount of the \$104,300 penalty originally assessed and promptly complete its investigations into twenty-six specific accounts more fully described in Attachment A to the *Joint Motion*. The Commission also requires PSE to continue implementation of its plan to meet all of its prior obligations, as more fully set out in Attachment B to the *Joint Motion*.

8 This proceeding shall be terminated upon the Commission's receipt of PSE's payment of the assessed penalty.

9 The Secretary has been delegated authority to enter this Order on behalf of the Commissioners under WAC 480-07-904(1)(h).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 28, 2010.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER  
Executive Director and Secretary

**NOTICE TO PARTIES:** This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. Under WAC 480-07-904(3), you may seek Commission review of this decision. In addition to serving you a copy of the decision, the Commission will post on its Internet Web site for at least 14 days a listing of all matters delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision under WAC 480-07-904(1). You must file a request for Commission review of this order no later than fourteen (14) days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's Web site. The Commission will schedule your request for review for consideration at a regularly scheduled open meeting. The Commission will notify you of the time and place of the open meeting at which the Commission will review the order.

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