

December 11, 2012

**NOTICE REVISING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
(Oral Argument on December 18, 2012, at 3:30 p.m.)**

Re: *In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy, Inc. for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement for Acquisition of Cost Transition Power, as Defined in RCW 80.80.010, and the Recovery of Related Acquisition Costs, Docket UE-121373*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On August 20, 2012, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement for Acquisition of Cost Transition Power, as Defined in RCW 80.80.010, and the Recovery of Related Acquisition Costs (Petition). PSE requests that the Commission issue an order approving the Coal Transition Power Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between TransAlta Centralia Generation LLC and PSE. In conjunction with the Petition, PSE filed a Motion to Expedite Consideration of the Petition and a Motion for Amended Protective Order with Highly Confidential Provisions (collectively Motions). The Commission will conduct its evidentiary hearing on December 12, 2012.

The procedural schedule presently contemplates that the parties will file post-hearing briefs on January 11, 2013. Following further consideration, the Commission believes it, and the parties, will be better served by oral argument conducted close in time to the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing. While the Commission will be required to make certain ultimate determinations of fact in this matter, the underlying facts that will inform these determinations are largely, if not entirely, uncontested. Oral argument will afford the Commission and the parties the opportunity to engage in colloquy concerning the application of law to the facts and the policy implications of the parties' various recommendations. This will be of higher value to the Commission going into the deliberative stage of this proceeding than would post-hearing briefs filed nearly a month after the evidentiary hearing.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the procedural schedule in this proceeding is modified by relieving the parties from their obligation to file post-hearing briefs on January 11, 2013. In lieu of briefs, the Commission will hear oral argument on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in Room 139 of the Commission's Headquarters, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge