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December 18, 2000

**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF COMMISSION BENCH REQUESTS
(December 27, 2000)**

RE: Consolidated Proceedings : *Air Liquide, et al. v. PSE*, Docket No. UE-001952; and
*Petition of Puget Sound Energy, Inc., For an Order Reallocating Lost Revenues Related
to any Reduction in the Schedule 48 or G-P Special Contract Rates*, Docket No. UE-
001959

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

The Commission issues the following bench request to:

A. Complainants (Intervenors, Public Counsel, and Staff may respond)

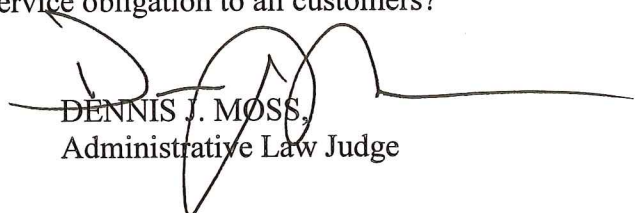
1. Do complainants contend that their individual ability to pay increased costs for electricity based on market-indexed rates is a sufficient basis upon which the Commission can determine that there exists an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare? If so, what evidence do you intend to present to demonstrate the inability of each complainant to pay the increased costs?
2. Do complainants contend there are circumstances other than their individual ability to pay increased costs for electricity based on market-indexed rates that constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare? If so, what precisely are those circumstances and what evidence do you intend to present to demonstrate the existence of those circumstances?
3. What is the minimum action by the Commission necessary to prevent or avoid the asserted immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare?
4. What action(s) has each customer under Schedule 48 or a special contract that includes a market-indexed rate taken in the past year, are they taking today, or could they take in the future, to cover the risk of high electricity prices? Such actions might include financial instruments, or physical alternatives (e.g. on-site generation.) If no such actions have been taken, explain why not. If you contend that you sought to take any specific action (e.g., securing a financial hedge) but found you were unable to do so, what evidence do you possess that would demonstrate that such action was unavailable to you?



5. How is the product or products manufactured by the complainants essential to public health, safety, or welfare in Washington State? What is impact of high electricity prices on the general availability of an essential product from each complainant, or from other practical sources?
6. If the product is essential to public health or safety, how essential is electricity to its production?
7. If electricity is essential to production, is electricity provided by PSE the only source available to each complainant? If you have alternative supply available from onsite generators or other sources, what is the per kilowatt cost of that alternative supply?
8. What is the impact of high electricity prices on the labor force of the complainants?
9. Is the existence of high electricity prices adversely affecting health and public safety through impact on customers served at market rates by utilities other than Puget Sound Energy?
10. Do you consider the service provided under Schedule 48 to be firm, or non-firm? Under what circumstances, if any, is PSE authorized to interrupt or curtail service under Schedule 48 or G-P's special contract?

B. Puget Sound Energy (Staff and Public Counsel may respond):

1. What is the current status of PSE's finances? What was PSE's net revenue from power sales over the most recent quarter?
2. What, if any, options has PSE offered the complainants as options to address electricity price risk?
3. Does PSE consider the service provided under Schedule 48 to be firm, or non-firm? Under what circumstances, if any, is PSE authorized to interrupt or curtail service under Schedule 48 or G-P's special contract?
4. Does PSE purchase power to serve the complainants separate and apart from power purchased generally to meet its service obligation to all customers? If so, what costs has PSE incurred to serve the complainants and what revenues has it received from the complainants, by month November 1996 to present?
5. Is it feasible for PSE to segregate its power purchases for complainants from power purchased generally to meet its service obligation to all customers?


DENNIS J. MOSS,
Administrative Law Judge