

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKET PG-160924

NOTICE OF PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE

**(Set for November 1, 2016, at 9:30  
a.m.)**

- 1 On September 20, 2016, Commission Staff filed a complaint against Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company). The complaint alleges that Puget Sound Energy committed violations of (1) 49 C.F.R. § 192.727(b), related to improper deactivation of pipeline (2) WAC 480-93-180, failure to follow internal procedures, (3) WAC 480-93-188, failure to perform gas leak survey, (4) 49 C.F.R. § 192.481(a), failure to perform atmospheric corrosion tests, and (5) 49 C.F.R. § 492.465(a), failure to perform external corrosion tests. PSE filed its answer to the complaint on October 3, 2016. The complaint and answer are available for inspection at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's (Commission) office located at Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, and on the Commission's website at [www.utc.wa.gov/160924](http://www.utc.wa.gov/160924).
- 2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate natural gas companies. The statute that applies to this matter is RCW 81.88. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-90 and WAC 480-93, relating to the operations of natural gas companies.
- 3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

4 The complaint and answer provide notice of the issues the Commission will consider in  
this proceeding. Accordingly, the Commission finds good cause to conduct a prehearing  
conference on less than 20 days' notice.

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in  
this matter at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, in the Commission's  
Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park  
Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve  
scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, to identify the  
issues in the proceeding, and determine other matters to assist the Commission in  
resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

7 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in  
writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See*  
WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the  
conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must  
file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the  
conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or  
other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the  
Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at  
the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by  
later written notice.

8 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or  
participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this  
proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

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

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10 The Commissioners and Administrative Law Judge Gregory J. Kopta, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.

- 11 The Attorney General has designated Lisa W. Gafken of the Office of the Public Counsel to represent the public. Interested persons may contact Public Counsel or the Commission by writing to the applicable address or calling the applicable telephone number listed below.
- 12 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 19, 2016.

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**STEVEN V. KING**  
Executive Director and Secretary

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Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

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