

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	DOCKET NO. UE-031725
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER NO. 10
)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	ACCEPTING STIPULATION
)	CONCERNING WEATHER
Respondent.)	NORMALIZATION ISSUE
.....)	

MEMORANDUM

- 1 **PROCEEDINGS:** On October 24, 2003, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, designated as Twenty Fifth Revised Sheet No. 95, and Original Sheet Nos. 95-a through 95-e. This filing is a proposal to change PSE's rates recovering the cost of power, as a result of its decision to purchase a new generating resource, and for other reasons. The Commission entered its Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions; Instituting Investigation; and Authorizing Discovery on October 29, 2004.

- 2 **PARTY REPRESENTATIVES:** Todd G. Glass, Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP, Seattle, Washington, represents PSE. S. Bradley Van Cleve and Matthew W. Perkins, Davison Van Cleve, Portland, Oregon, represent the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities. Norman Furuta, Department of the Navy, represents the Federal Executive Agencies. Michael Alcantar and Donald Brookhyser, Alcantar & Kahl LLP, Portland, Oregon, represent the Cogeneration Coalition of Washington (CCW). Simon ffitich, Assistant Attorney General, Seattle, Washington, represents the Public Counsel Section of the Washington

Office of Attorney General. Robert C. Cedarbaum, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, represents the Commission's regulatory staff.

3 **STIPULATION:** On February 10, 2004, Staff filed a "Stipulation Between Puget Sound Energy and WUTC Staff Regarding Weather Normalization Adjustment." Staff and PSE propose that the Commission approve the Stipulation to resolve an issue raised by the prefiled testimony of Staff witness Dr. Yohannes K.G. Mariam, who contests PSE's proposed weather normalization adjustment and proposes an alternative adjustment. No other party addressed these issues via prefiled response testimony or exhibits. No party opposes the Stipulation.

4 The Stipulation provides that Staff's proposed weather normalization adjustment will be adopted for purposes of this case. The parties propose that Dr. Mariam's prefiled testimony and exhibit be admitted without objection, and without cross-examination. Staff also waives cross-examination of PSE's witnesses on the weather normalization adjustment, under the terms of the Stipulation.

5 **COMMISSION:** The Commission finds that the proposed Stipulation is a reasonable resolution of the weather normalization adjustment issue in this proceeding. The Commission concludes that the Stipulation should be approved and adopted in accordance with its terms. The Stipulation, attached to this Order as Appendix A, is incorporated by this reference into the body of this Order.

ORDER

6 THE COMMISSION ORDERS That the Stipulation Between Puget Sound Energy and WUTC Staff Regarding Weather Normalization Adjustment, filed on February 10, 2004, is approved and adopted as a full and final resolution of the issue addressed by its terms for purposes of this proceeding.

- 7 THE COMMISSION ORDERS FURTHER That the Stipulation, and the prefiled testimony and exhibit by Dr. Yohannes K.G. Mariam (YKGM-1T and YKGM-2), will be marked for identification and admitted as evidence of record in this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 11th day of February, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner