

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220066 and UG-  
220067 (*Consolidated*)

ORDER 33

In the Matter of the Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

For an Order Authorizing Deferred  
Accounting Treatment for Puget Sound  
Energy’s Share of Costs Associated with  
the Tacoma LNG Facility

DOCKET UG-210918

ORDER 19

GRANTING SECOND  
PETITION TO AMEND FINAL  
ORDER 24/10, SUBJECT TO  
CONDITIONS

**BACKGROUND**

1 On June 5, 2024, in Dockets UG-240434 and UE-240433, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or  
Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
(Commission) a petition requesting an extension of several planning requirements in the  
wake of the passage of the Washington Decarbonization Act for Large Combination  
Utilities (the Act).

2 PSE serves approximately 900,000 natural gas customers and 1.2 million electric  
customers largely in western Washington. As defined in Engrossed Substitute House Bill  
1589 (ESHB 1589), PSE meets the definition of a “Large Combination Utility.”

3 The petition in Dockets UG-240434 and UE-240433, requested extension for the

following planning requirements:

- Gas Integrated Resource Plan<sup>1</sup>
- Electric Integrated Resource Plan<sup>2</sup>
- Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP)<sup>3</sup>
- CEIP Public Participation Plan<sup>4</sup>

4 After discussions with Commission staff (Staff), PSE filed a supplemental letter on June 27, 2024, clarifying clean energy- and equity-related reporting requirements and the public engagement approach PSE plans to implement in the development of its 2027 ISP.<sup>5</sup>

5 When PSE filed a petition requesting similar relief in Dockets UG-240434 and UE-240433, PSE also filed a petition in this Docket, requesting that if the first petition was granted, that Section 68 of Final Order 24 of this Docket be subsequently amended so as to remove references to the filing and reporting requirements which had been exempted or extended.

6 The proposed amendment would eliminate references to the 2025 Gas IRP, which has been consolidated into a 2027 Integrated Resource Plan. PSE

7 Staff recommends granting the proposed amendment, subject to condition— so as to remove references to filing obligations that are no longer applicable.

## DISCUSSION AND DECISION

8 Per WAC 480-07-875(1), the Commission may act in response to a petition to amend any order that the Commission has entered. Such petitions must meet the requirements set in WAC 480-07-870 (covering petitions for rehearing). Two circumstances which meet this requirement include “changed conditions since the commission entered the order; . . . or [a]n effect of the order that the commission or the petitioner did not contemplate or intend.”

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<sup>1</sup> WAC 480-90-238(4).

<sup>2</sup> RCW 19.280.030.

<sup>3</sup> RCW 19.405.060(1); WAC 480-100-640(1).

<sup>4</sup> WAC 480-100-655(2).

<sup>5</sup> Supplemental Letter, Docket UE-240433, June 27, 2024.

9 Here, the passage of the ESHB 1589, and its subsequent successful utilization by PSE, constitutes sufficient changed conditions necessary to justify amendment. PSE is no longer required to file a 2025 Gas IRP, subject to the conditions described in Dockets UG-240434 and UE-240433, such that the reference to the 2025 Gas IRP in Section 68 is no longer appropriate. The Commission thus grants the Petition and amends Section 68 of Final Order 24, as requested – subject to the condition that PSE fulfill the commitments it made in its June 27, 2024, filing.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 10 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric and natural gas companies.
- 11 (2) PSE is an electric and gas company providing service within the state of Washington. As a public service company, it is subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 12 (3) WAC 480-07-370(1) allows companies to file petitions including that for which PSE seeks approval.
- 13 (4) Staff reviewed the Second Petition to Amend Final Order filed in this docket and recommends the Commission grant the request.
- 14 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2024.
- 15 (6) After reviewing PSE’s Second Petition, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters, the Commission finds that PSE’s request is reasonable. Circumstances have changed, and have made the instant language unnecessary. Therefore, the Commission concludes the Second Petition should be granted.

### ORDER

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 16 (1) Puget Sound Energy’s Second Petition filed June 5, 2024, is granted, subject to the clarifications and commitments set forth in Puget Sound Energy’s June 27,

2024, supplemental filing. The Commission amends Section 68 of Order 24 as follows:

PSE will use the information and analysis from the Targeted Electrification Pilot together with the updated decarbonization study to develop a Targeted Electrification Strategy for its electric service territory ~~in its next Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan or Progress Report following the completion of the Decarbonization Study and Targeted Electrification Pilot,~~ and will file the Targeted Electrification Strategy as a compliance filing in this docket by January 2025, ~~and its 2025 Gas IRP.~~ The Targeted Electrification Strategy will be based on findings from the Decarbonization Study, and the Targeted Electrification Pilot.

- 17 (2) The Commission interprets the January 2025 deadline, as referenced in paragraph 16 of this Order, to be January 31, 2025.
- 18 (3) This Order shall not affect the Commission's authority over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, on any matters that may come before it.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective July 11, 2024.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chair

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner

MILTON H. DOUMIT, Commissioner