BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

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PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-151871 and UG-151872 (consolidated)

JOINT MOTION REQUESTING THE COMMISSIONERS HEAR AND DECIDE CASE

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-375(b), Commission Staff, Puget Sound Energy, SMACNA, and WSHVACC jointly submit this Motion requesting the Commissioners hear and decide this case, in which PSE proposes to lease to its customers water heaters, heat pumps, and other such equipment. Public Counsel does not oppose this Motion.

II. RELIEF REQUESTED

The parties request that the Commission amend the current prehearing conference order to allow the Commissioners to preside over the upcoming hearing. If a change of hearing date is required in order for the Commissioners to preside at the hearing, the parties request that the Commission work with the parties to identify dates that take into consideration attorney and witness availability.

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

3 By all accounts, this case presents significant public policy issues, including those involving consumer protection.

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IV. STATEMENT OF ISSUES

The issue is whether the Commissioners should grant the parties' joint motion requesting the full Commission preside over the hearing in this matter.

V. EVIDENCE RELIED UPON

To support this motion, the parties rely on the record evidence presented to date.

VI. ARGUMENT

The Commission's administrative rules specifically provide for procedural motions to "request establishment of or modifications to process or the procedural schedule in a proceeding." WAC 480-07-375(b). Here, the parties believe it would be best if the Commission were to hear and decide this case as it presents significant policy issues for resolution by the Commission.

VII. CONCLUSION

The parties request that the Commission grant this motion to revise the hearing schedule to allow the Commissioners to preside over this case.

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