

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Washington Utilities and Transportation)	
Commission,)	
Complainant,)	Docket NO. UE-060266
)	
v.)	Docket NO. UG-060267
)	
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.,)	
Respondent.)	

The NW Energy Coalition (“Coalition”) hereby requests permission to intervene in the above referenced proceeding. In support of this Petition to Intervene, the Coalition asserts the following:

A. The Coalition’s business address is:

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B. The Coalition will be represented in this matter by Policy Director Nancy Hirsh and Senior Policy Associate Danielle Dixon. Nancy Hirsh is designated for service of all documents in this matter at the address provided above. A separate notice of appearance is being filed with the Commission, as required by WAC 480-07-345(2). Ms. Hirsh can be reached at 206-621-0094, nancy@nwenergy.org, fax 206-621-0097.

C. The Coalition is a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Coalition has approximately 200 individual members and 35 organizational members located in Washington, representing more than 300,000 citizens. The Coalition’s primary purpose is to promote an energy future that is clean, reliable, affordable, and equitable. Due to its historic and ongoing work with utility companies and others to achieve these goals, the Coalition possesses unique interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

D. The Coalition has a special interest in this proceeding for the following reasons: (1) Coalition members will be directly affected by rate changes and cost shifting among customer classes that may result from this proceeding; (2) rate design modifications that occur as a result of this proceeding may affect customer investment in energy efficiency and impact low-income customers; (3) proposed mechanisms for incentives, penalties, and decoupling may affect the utility’s acquisition of energy efficiency; (4) the design and application of new electric demand-side management programs will be key to their success; (5) proposed revisions to the Power Cost Adjustment mechanism may impact Coalition members and low-income customers;

(6) possible expansion of the bill assistance program will affect Coalition organizational members who serve the needs of low-income customers; and (7) accurate representation of costs associated with acquisition of the Wild Horse Wind project is critical for Coalition members. The Coalition intends to examine these and other issues in this proceeding.

E. The Coalition offers this process considerable expertise in the area of resource planning, industry structure, and economic and policy analysis. The Coalition has participated in numerous rate cases, mergers, and resource planning proceedings in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, including Puget Sound Energy's 2001 and 2004 general rate cases.

F. The Coalition has no intention of unreasonably broadening the issues, burdening the record or delaying the proceeding through its intervention.

For the foregoing reasons, the Coalition requests the Commission grant its motion to intervene in this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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