

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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May 4, 2016

**NOTICE OF REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy*,

Dockets UE-151871 and UG-151872 *(Consolidated)*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On September 18, 2015, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective tariffs WN U-60 schedule 75 and WN U-2 schedule 175 to offer electric and natural gas equipment lease service to its customers. The stated purpose of the filings is to “stimulate the installation of additional energy efficient equipment, provide customers with simple and comprehensive turn-key solutions, provide broader more affordable access to services, and expand existing market activity.” On November 13, 2015, the Commission entered Order 01, Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions, suspending PSE’s filing for investigation and possible adjudication.

On January 7, 2016, the Commission entered Order 02, Prehearing Conference Order, which established a procedural schedule including, but not limited to, an evidentiary hearing before the administrative law judge on June 22-23, 2016.

On April 27, 2016, all parties other than Public Counsel filed a Joint Motion Requesting the Commissioners Hear and Decide Case.[[1]](#footnote-1) These parties contend that this case presents significant policy issues that would be best resolved if the Commissioners preside during the evidentiary hearings.

The Commission agrees and grants the motion. The Commissioners, however, are not available at the time originally scheduled for the hearings, and the parties have proposed a revised procedural schedule with evidentiary hearings on August 1, 2016, continuing on August 3, if necessary. To permit the Commission sufficient time to enter an order prior to the suspension deadline, PSE has agreed to waive that deadline until November 16, 2016. The Commission adopts the parties’ proposed schedule, which is attached as Appendix A to this Notice.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Commission grants the parties’ joint motion for the Commissioners to preside during the evidentiary hearings and adopts the parties’ proposed revised procedural schedule.**

**THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the Commission will conduct evidentiary hearings on Monday, August 1, 2016, at beginning at 9:30 a.m., and continuing on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, if necessary, in Room 206, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

GREGORY J. KOPTA

Administrative Law Judge

### **APPENDIX A**

### REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

**DOCKETS UE-151871 & UG-151872 *(Consolidated)***

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| **EVENT** | **DATE** |
| Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenor Response Testimony and Exhibits | June 7, 2016[[2]](#footnote-2) |
| Company Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits; Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits | July 1, 2016[[3]](#footnote-3) |
| Discovery Cut-off | July 18, 2016 |
| Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witness Lists, and Time Estimates | July 26, 2016 |
| Evidentiary Hearings | August 1, 2016, and August 3, 2016, if necessary |
| Initial Briefs | August 26, 2016 |
| Reply Briefs | September 9, 2016 |
| Suspension Date | November 16, 2016 |

1. The parties represent that Public Counsel does not join the motion but does not oppose it. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Response time to data requests will be 7 business days after this date. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Response time to data requests will be 5 business days after this date. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)