

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UE-130617
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
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Complainant,)	ORDER 04
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v.)	
)	GRANTING PUGET SOUND
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	ENERGY, INC.'S MOTION FOR
)	LEAVE TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL
Respondent.)	TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS
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MEMORANDUM

- 1 On April 25, 2013, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, designated as the Schedule 95 "Power Cost Adjustment Clause." PSE's initial filing included testimony in support of its request; in particular, the prefiled direct testimony of Aliza Seelig.

- 2 PSE filed a Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits (Motion) on July 29, 2013. PSE's Motion includes the supplemental direct testimony and exhibits of Tom A. DeBoer and Cara G. Peterman. Mr. DeBoer's testimony and exhibits provide an analysis of the renewal of PSE's 115 megawatt (MW) Mid-Columbia (Mid-C) Transmission contract with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and an update on the 2014 BPA power and transmission rate case. Ms. Peterman's testimony serves to adopt the prefiled direct testimony of Aliza Seelig who is no longer employed with the Company. PSE maintains that the supplemental testimony and exhibits do not result in any changes to the power costs in this proceeding.

- 3 The Commission afforded the parties an opportunity to respond to PSE’s Motion. Only the Commission’s regulatory staff¹ responded, indicating it does not oppose PSE’s Motion.
- 4 PSE states that the supplemental testimony do not result in any changes to the power costs in this proceeding. Instead, the Company maintains that the testimony is beneficial since it provides additional evidence that was not previously available and presents the Commission with “the most accurate and timely support for [PSE’s] quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the 115 MW Mid-C firm transmission renewal.”²
- 5 The Commission determines, in light of the foregoing discussion, that PSE’s Motion should be granted.

ORDER

- 6 The Commission grants the Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits filed by Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 8, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge

¹ In formal proceedings, such as this, the Commission’s regulatory staff participates like any other party, while the Commissioners make the decision. To assure fairness, the Commissioners, the presiding administrative law judge, and the Commissioners’ policy and accounting advisors do not discuss the merits of this proceeding with the regulatory staff, or any other party, without giving notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. *See*, RCW 34.05.455.

² PSE’s Motion, ¶ 4.