

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKET UE-070565
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Complainant,)	ORDER 05
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v.)	GRANTING PUGET SOUND
)	ENERGY, INC'S MOTION FOR
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	LEAVE TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL
)	TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS
Respondent.)	
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MEMORANDUM

- 1 Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60 on March 20, 2007. This power cost only rate case (PCORC) filing is a proposal by PSE to increase electric rates to recover additional power costs and costs associated with the acquisition of a 277 MW gas-fired combined cycle electric generation facility in Goldendale, Washington.
- 2 PSE's filing included the Company's direct case in the form of testimony and exhibits. The Commission conducted a prehearing conference on April 11, 2007, before Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss. The purpose of the conference, among other things, was to establish a procedural schedule including dates for response testimony by Commission regulatory Staff and intervenors (June 15, 2007) and rebuttal testimony by the company (June 29, 2007).
- 3 On May 24, 2007, PSE filed its Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits. PSE included in its filing the testimony and exhibits that are the subject matter of its motion. According to PSE, the purpose of its filing is to update the original testimony and exhibits of David Mills, Roger Garratt, John Story and David Hoff for information that was not available to PSE at the time it filed its original direct testimony. Specifically, the supplemental testimony updates PSE's power cost projections for the rate year and makes various adjustments PSE had proposed to test

year figures based on more recent data than the information PSE had available to it when it prepared its original filing.

- 4 PSE states that at the time of its initial filing, the company gave notice of its intent to update its projected power costs. PSE has sought to prepare and present its supplemental evidence in a manner that makes it easy for other parties to understand the required changes from PSE's prefiled direct evidence. Allowing PSE to supplement its evidence now will reduce the burden on other parties that would result from having to attempt to update or correct PSE's original filing themselves based on information made available to them in data request responses. Submission of the supplemental testimony at this time also provides the other parties the opportunity to address the updated information in their response testimonies, which would not be possible if PSE first provided this information in its rebuttal testimony. Finally, PSE believes that the other parties to this proceeding are already aware of the substance of the changes made in the supplemental direct testimony, and thus will be neither surprised nor disadvantaged by this filing.
- 5 No party objected to PSE's motion within the time provided under the Commission's procedural rules. The company offers good reasons for filing its supplemental testimony and its filing was timely considering the upcoming procedural dates. PSE should be given leave to file the supplemental testimony and exhibits submitted with its motion.

ORDER

- 6 THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT PSE's Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits is granted.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 4, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Dennis J. Moss
Administrative Law Judge