

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKET NO. UE-010525
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER;
)	ESTABLISHING PROCESS FOR
Respondent.)	SETTLEMENT HEARING
.....)	

1 **PROCEEDING:** On April 16, 2001, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. filed with the Commission certain tariff revisions to provide a new form of electric service to a class of large electric service customers. That class of customers includes, in part, those customers having premises with a high intensity load that requires improved infrastructure in order to reduce the possibility of power service interruption. The proposed filing is applicable only to a limited class of customers, and does not alter rates for any other class of customers receiving traditional electric service.

2 On September 17, 2001, the parties filed a Stipulation of Settlement on behalf of Puget Sound Energy, AT&T Wireless, World Com, Inc., and Qwest Corporation. The parties informed the Commission that they had resolved specified rate and service controversies between PSE and the Customers.

3 **PARTIES:** Todd Glass, attorney, Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe, LLP, Seattle, Washington represents PSE. Irion Sanger, Davison Van Cleve, P.C., Portland, Oregon, represents ICNU. Lisa Anderl, attorney, Qwest Corporation, represents Qwest. Melissa Robertson, attorney, Ater Wynne, LLP, Portland, Oregon, represents WorldCom, Inc. John Cameron, attorney, Davis Wright, Tremaine, LLP, Portland, Oregon, represents AT&T Wireless. Robert Cromwell, Assistant Attorney General, Seattle, Washington, represents the Public Counsel Section, Office of Attorney General (Public Counsel). Sally Johnston, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, represents the Commission’s regulatory staff (Staff).

4 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Commission will conduct a Settlement Hearing in this proceeding on Thursday, September 27, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission’s Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

5 **SETTLEMENT HEARING PROCESS:** The Commission previously issued notice setting September 27, 2001, as the date on which the Commission would convene a settlement hearing to consider any full or partial settlement agreement proposed to

resolve the issues pending in this proceeding. This Order outlines briefly the process the Commission will follow at the settlement hearing.

6 **HEARING PROCESS:**

- a. Opening Statements: Parties will be permitted an opportunity for brief opening statements.
- b. Supporting Witnesses: All Parties to the settlement agreement are required to present a witness who is competent to testify regarding the terms and conditions of settlement and related matters that may bear on the Commission’s consideration of the settlement. These witnesses should expect to appear as a panel. WAC 480-09-751.
- c. Opposition Witness: Any Party opposing the settlement agreement may present a witness.
- d. Bench Inquiry: The Bench will direct questions to the witness panel collectively, and may direct questions to individual witnesses on the panel.
- e. Inquiry by Counsel: Counsel for Parties may be permitted to direct questions to the witness panel, or to individual witnesses, if the Bench determines such inquiry is required to clarify the record, ensure a full record, or otherwise to ensure that all Parties are afforded their full due process rights.

7 **EXHIBITS:** The Bench will mark and consider exhibits at the hearing, and will admit relevant exhibits subject to any objections. The witness panel may sponsor the settlement agreement as a multi-part exhibit and may collectively sponsor other exhibits, if appropriate. Individual witnesses may sponsor exhibits, and the Bench will consider exhibits tendered as “unsponsored by any witness.”

8 The Commission may direct by written or oral order in this proceeding such other and further process as it deems necessary to ensure a full record for decision.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 20th day of September, 2001

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge