1st Quarter Report



TO SHAREHOLDERS

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2002

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Shareholder:

I've just completed my first quarter as president and chief executive officer of Puget Energy. As you may know, it was an eventful three months, in many ways a watershed period for the company. As expected, first-quarter earnings in 2002 — 28 cents per diluted share (slightly better than Wall Street's expectations) — were well below 2001's first-quarter earnings of 81 cents per diluted share. The decline stemmed in large part from the underrecovery of net power costs by our utility subsidiary, Puget Sound Energy, in the wake of last year's energy crisis. The drop in income was one of the reasons, as I indicated in a letter to you last month, that the Board of Directors made the difficult but necessary decision to lower your stock dividend to \$1.00 per share per year (25 cents per share per quarter), beginning with the May 15th dividend payment date. This was a painful decision for the Board. We recognize the financial consequence it has for all Puget Energy shareholders, including the majority of employees with the company.

The good news, as my March letter noted, is that we've already begun to implement a strategy for restoring Puget Energy's financial integrity and building solid, long-term growth. We made it through the energy crisis far better than most utilities across the West. By almost any standard, Puget Energy is one of the best energy companies in the entire industry. We're now moving forward with a plan to put the crisis behind us and begin providing greater value for you, the shareholders, and for our customers.

In January, we strengthened our already aggressive cost-control efforts by freezing management salaries and limiting certain expenditures. Then, following a realignment of our senior management structure, we reached a milestone agreement with state regulators on PSE's proposed change in rates. The settlement is providing PSE with short-term rate relief. Moreover, it recommends significant long-term relief: a rate-adjustment mechanism that ties rates to changes in power costs, thereby preventing an under-recovery of costs in the future; an increase to 11 percent in PSE's return on equity; a beneficial capital structure and a financial incentive to pay down debt and increase corporate equity; and long-term increases in both electric and natural-gas rates.

During the past quarter, we also completed the transfer of PSE's non-emergency construction and maintenance work to outside contractors. We expect this conversion, the first of its kind in the industry, to produce sizable cost savings. In addition, Puget Energy endorsed a plan to accelerate the growth of our unregulated utility-construction business, InfrastruX Group. I should note that first-quarter revenues for InfrastruX were almost double the same quarter's revenue in 2001.

Despite the predictably low earnings we saw in the first three months of 2002, I'm very optimistic about where our company is headed. We've weathered last year's storm, and I'm confident sunny days are on the horizon. Earnings in 2003 are projected to be back in the \$1.75 to \$1.90 per share range we're more accustomed to. Please know that our highest priority is to pursue stable growth initiatives that provide you a competitive return on your investment.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Reynolds

President & Chief Executive Officer

PLEASE NOTE

Condensed Balance Sheet (In thousands) Assets	Balance Sheet						At 12/31/01	
Net Utility plant					¢	3,885,765	\$	2 007 00
Other property and investments					Ψ	352,755	Ф	3,887,98 ⁻ 317,249
Current assets				r		602,349		
Long-term assets								660,83
Total assets					\$	690,201 5,531,070	\$	680,90 5,546,97
Capitalization					Ť	0,001,010	<u> </u>	3,340,97
Common equity					\$	1,378,797	\$	1,362,72
Preferred stock					·	, ,	• .	
Trust preferred						103,162 300,000		110,66
Long-term debt	• •					•		300,00
Total capitalization						2,185,928		2,127,05
Minority interest						3,967,887		3,900,44
Current liabilities						8,716		
ong-term liabilities and deferred taxes						734,879		844,80
Total capitalization and liabilities					\$	819,588 5,531,070	\$	801,72 5,546,97
Condensed Income Statement (Unaudit In thousands, except per-share amounts)	ed)	3 months e	nded :	3/31 ¹		12 months	ended	3/31
	2	002		2001		2002		2001
Operating Revenues	\$	757,345	\$	1,119,864	\$	3,011,472	\$	3,914,31
Operating expenses (before federal income taxes)		660,284		935,063		2,724,083	•	3,405,27
ederal income taxes		20,490		54,260		44,236		130,51
Operating income		76,571		130,541		243,153		378,52
Other income		384		1,941		12,968		2,61
nterest charges		50,398		45,435		195,023		178,45
Minority interest		79		*		79		
Net income before cumulative effect of change		26,478		87,047		61,019		202,68
Cumulative effect of accounting charge				44740				

Common stock dividends ³ Common Stock dividend per share	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.46	\$	1.84	\$	1.84
	1,975	 1,975		4,908		4,908
Actual Normal	2,095	1,979		5,109		4,950
Weather (heating degree days)						
Customers served - Puget Sound Energy data ² (Average for the period) Electricity Gas	943,445 608,862	926,036 593,590		936,330 602,046		919,850 585,653
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.81	\$	0.61	\$	2.08
before cumulative effect of accounting change Cumulative effect of accounting change Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.98 (0.17)	\$	0.61	\$	2.25 (0.17)
Diluted earnings per common share	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					2.03
Basic easrnings per common share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.82	\$	0.61	\$	(0.17) 2.09
Cumulative effect of accounting change		(0.17)	•	0.0,	•	(0.47)

26,478

24,466

87,175

87,408

0.28

14,749

72,298

70,141

86,036

86,417

0.99

\$

61,019

52,752

86,729

86,958

0.61

\$

14,749

187,937

179,088

85,654

86,018

2.26

\$

\$

Cumulative effect of accounting charge

Common shares outstanding - basic

Basic earnings per common share

Common shares outstanding - diluted

Cumulative effect of accounting change

before cumulative effect of accounting charge

Income available to common

Net income

³ Puget Energy's common stock dividend per share will be \$0.25 per quarter, or \$1.00 annually, beginning May 15, 2002.



¹Partial-year results may not accurately predict full-year performance, as earnings are significantly affected by weather.

² Puget Sound Energy is the electric and natural gas utility of Puget Energy.