

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET UE-132027
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.	)	
	)	
For an Accounting Order Approving	)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
the Allocation of Proceeds of the Sale	)	CONFERENCE
of Certain Assets to Public Utility	)	<b>(Set for December 17, 2013,</b>
District #1 of Jefferson County	)	<b>at 10:00 am.)</b>
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1 On October 31, 2013, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for an accounting order allocating the proceeds of the sale of PSE’s Jefferson County assets and service territory to the Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County under threat of condemnation. A more detailed account of the issue is reflected in the petition, which is available for inspection at the Commission’s office located at the Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, and on the Commission’s web site at [www.utc.wa.gov/132027](http://www.utc.wa.gov/132027).

2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, service, and practices of electric utilities. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.28, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, RCW 80.28.020, RCW 80.28.030, RCW 80.28.070, RCW 80.28.090, and RCW 80.28.100. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-100, relating to electric companies.

3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

4 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 10:00 a.m., on December 17, 2013, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

5 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence and workpapers, to identify the issues in the proceeding and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

6 The parties, by informal communication with the presiding officer, request that this notice, which initiates by its terms a formal adjudicatory proceeding under RCW 34.05.413(5), provide for the initiation of formal discovery and a shortened time for data request responses. These requests are reasonable and no person known to have an interest in participation in this proceeding objects. Given the nature of this proceeding, the Commission also finds it is appropriate to enter its standard form of protective order to promote the free exchange of information among the parties, including information designated by a party as confidential.

7 **THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That this proceeding meets the criteria warranting formal discovery under WAC 480-07-400(2)(b). The time for responses to data requests under WAC 480-07-405(7)(b) is shortened to seven (7) business days.**

8 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

9 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

10 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 11 Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 12 The Attorney General has designated Lisa W. Gafken of the Office of the Public Counsel to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 13 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 22, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING  
Executive Director and Secretary

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**NOTICE**

Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Steven V. King, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket : \_\_\_\_\_

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you need a certified sign language interpreter:

Visual \_\_\_\_\_ Tactile \_\_\_\_\_

Other type of assistance needed: \_\_\_\_\_

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

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