

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-200112

NOTICE OF PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE

**(Set for Friday, March 13, 2020, at  
10:30 a.m.)**

- 1 On February 19, 2020, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2 for natural gas service. The revised tariff would discontinue PSE's Water Heater Rental Service. Also on February 19, 2020, PSE filed an application (Application) seeking Commission determination that its Water Heater Rental Service and associated assets are no longer necessary or useful, per Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-143-180(2), or, in the alternative, Commission authorization for the sale of the Water Heater Rental Service to Grand HVAC Leasing USA LLC (GHL).
- 2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, and has legal authority to regulate natural gas companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include Chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW, and 80.28 RCW relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, and RCW 80.28.010. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-90, relating to natural gas companies.
- 3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of Chapter 34.05 RCW 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 **SHORTENED NOTICE.** The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. *See* WAC 480-07-440(1)(a) and RCW 34.05.434.

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 10:30 a.m. on March 13, 2020, in the Commission's Richard Hemstad Hearing Room, 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, Washington.**

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, 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.

7 **INTERVENTION:** Persons seeking to intervene in the proceeding must file written petitions to intervene at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). 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 the evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference or by later written notice.

8 **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.**

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

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- 10 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judges Rayne Pearson and Michael Howard, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.<sup>1</sup>
- 11 The Attorney General has designated Lisa W. Gafken, Nina Suetake, and Ann Paisner from the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (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.
- 12 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Judge Pearson can be reached by email at [rayne.pearson@utc.wa.gov](mailto:rayne.pearson@utc.wa.gov) or by phone at (360) 664-1136. Judge Howard can be reached by email at [michael.howard@utc.wa.gov](mailto:michael.howard@utc.wa.gov) or by phone at (360) 664-1139.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective March 4, 2020.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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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: Mark L. Johnson, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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