

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

In the Matter of)	DOCKET NO. UE-031353
)	
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s)	ORDER NO. 01
Request for Proposals Filing of)	
August 25, 2003)	ORDER APPROVING REQUEST
)	WITH CONDITION
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 25, 2003, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., (PSE or Company) filed with the Commission a Request for Proposals for Wind Power Resources (Wind RFP or RFP) under WAC 480-107-060. WAC 480-107-060(2)(a) provides that the solicitation must take the form of an RFP approved by the Commission. WAC 480-107-060(2)(b) provides that the Commission has thirty days after the close of a sixty-day comment period to take action on the proposed RFP or to suspend the RFP filing to determine whether its issuance is in the public interest. The sixty-day comment period for "interested persons" ended on October 24, 2003.

- 2 The Commission has determined that issuance of the Wind RFP is in the public interest on condition that PSE file with the Commission on or before December 31, 2003, an "all-source" RFP that is not limited to a specific resource type or technology. Accordingly, the Commission will approve the Wind RFP filing subject to the above condition. If the condition is not met, PSE's Wind RFP will be deemed to have been issued outside of the competitive bidding rules as permitted by WAC 480-107-001(1), and without Commission approval.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW; and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*
- 4 (2) PSE is an electric company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 12, 2003.
- 6 (4) PSE has demonstrated that the request for proposal filing for wind resources is in the public interest, subject to the filing of an “all-source” RFP on or before December 31, 2003.
- 7 (6) As authorized by Chapter 480-107 WAC, the Commission finds it is in the public interest to approve PSE’s Request for Proposals for Wind Power Resources, subject to the above condition.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) The Request for Proposals for Wind Power Resources filed by Puget Sound Energy, Inc., on August 25, 2003, is approved pursuant to WAC 480-107-060(2)(a) on condition that Puget Sound Energy, Inc., file with the

Commission on or before December 31, 2003, an “all-source” request for proposals that is not limited to a specific resource type or technology.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 13th day of November, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner