

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

In the Matter of the Amended	)	DOCKET UE-070725
Petition of	)	
	)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.	)	ORDER 04
	)	
For an Order Authorizing the Use of	)	
the Proceeds from the Sale of	)	GRANTING MOTION FOR
Renewable Energy Credits and	)	EXTENSION OF TIME
Carbon Financial Instruments	)	
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1 On June 1, 2010, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) filed its motion requesting that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time to make the compliance filing necessary to comply with paragraphs 64 and 65 of the Commission's Order 03, entered in this docket on May 20, 2010. Paragraph 64 of Order 03 requires PSE and the other parties to the proceeding to present:

Either an agreed proposal or individual proposals concerning what interest rate should be applied to current and future REC balances and how these proceeds received through November 30, 2009, from the sale of RECs should be credited to customers in the near term. In general, we envision this could be in the form of a one-time bill credit or in a series of bill credits over as many as 12 months corresponding roughly to the rate year in Docket UE-090704, which will end on April 7, 2011. Other options may, however, be more appropriate.

Paragraph 65 of Order 03 requires that parties file the agreed proposal or individual proposals, including supporting evidence and argument, on or before June 10, 2010.

2 PSE states that it filed a Petition for Reconsideration of the Commission's ruling that future REC balances in the regulatory liability account will both accrue interest and reduce PSE's rate base for ratemaking purposes, among other issues. Further, PSE

reports that it has been working diligently with Commission Staff to develop an agreed upon proposal as to how the proceeds from the sale of RECs should be credited to customers. PSE state, however, that it is unlikely a comprehensive proposal can be developed and reviewed by other parties by June 10, 2010.

- 3 PSE argues that good cause for the extension exists because of its pending Petition for Reconsideration and because the Company is working with the parties to develop a comprehensive proposal as to how these proceeds from the sale of RECs should be credited to customers. PSE states that an extension of time will give the Commission time to rule on PSE's Petition for Reconsideration. PSE also states that additional time is needed to develop a comprehensive proposal.
- 4 The Commission finds good cause to grant PSE's motion. The Commission's determination of the Company's Petition for Reconsideration may have a material bearing on the compliance filing. It does not appear that an extension of time will prejudice any party.
- 5 Although PSE requests an extension until June 22, 2010, and the Commission prefers that such continuances in a procedural schedule be to a specific date, it is not feasible to do so in this instance. The Commission, via separate notice issued today, provides an opportunity for parties to file answers to PSE's and other parties' respective petitions for reconsideration in this proceeding. Once those responses are filed, the Commission will require a reasonable period to determine the issues raised by the various petitions. For these reasons, the Commission will continue the date for a filing in compliance with paragraphs 64 and 65 of Order 03 until 10 business days after the date on which the Commission enters and serves its order(s) on reconsideration.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 3, 2010.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS  
Administrative Law Judge