

[Service Date March 8, 2013]

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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON COMMISSION STAFF MOTION
(Thursday, March 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy, Inc., for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement for Acquisition of Coal Transition Power, as Defined in RCW 80.80.010, and the Recovery of Related Acquisition Costs*
Docket UE-121373

TO ALL PARTIES:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 03 - Final Order Granting Petition, Subject to Conditions, on January 9, 2013. Puget Sound Energy Inc. (PSE) filed its Petition for Reconsideration and Motion to Reopen the Record on January 22, 2013. The Commission gave notice on January 23, 2013, that parties could file answers to PSE's petition and motion by February 6, 2013.

On February 1, 2013, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a motion to extend the time to file answers. The Commission granted Staff's motion, continuing the date for answers until March 8, 2013, and giving notice that the Commission intends to act on the pending petition for reconsideration by March 29, 2013.

On March 6, 2013, Staff filed a motion to further extend the deadline for answers to PSE's petition to April 5, 2013 (Motion), to allow the parties additional time to resolve not only this docket, but also PSE's decoupling dockets (Dockets UE-121697 and UG-121705) and expedited rate filing (ERF) dockets (Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138).

The Commission entered Order 05 - Order Continuing Procedural Schedule to Allow a Reasonable Opportunity for Parties to Respond to Staff's Motion for Second Extension of Time on March 7, 2013, requiring responses to Staff's Motion by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. The Commission also continued the deadline for answers to PSE's petition to March 15, 2013, and invited comments from any persons with substantial interests in the outcome not only of this docket but of PSE's decoupling and ERF dockets.

The Commission will address the procedural issues in all of these dockets on March 14, 2013. PSE's decoupling and ERF dockets will be considered during the Commission's regularly scheduled Open Public Meeting on that date, and following the conclusion of the Open Public Meeting, the Commission will conduct a hearing on Staff's Motion in this docket.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that it will conduct a hearing on Staff's Motion following the conclusion of the Commission's regularly scheduled Open Public Meeting which begins at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 14, 2013.

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge