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**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

**Docket UE-190529
Docket UG-190530
(consolidated)**

In the Matter of the Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

**For an Order Authorizing Deferral
Accounting and Ratemaking Treatment for
Short-life UT/Technology Investment**

**Docket UE-190274
Docket UG-190275
(consolidated)**

In the Matter of the Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

**For an Order Authorizing Deferred
Accounting associated with Federal Tax Act
on Puget Sound Energy's Cost of Service**

**Docket UE-171225
Docket UG-171226
(consolidated)**

In the Matter of the Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

**For an Order Authorizing the Accounting
treatment of Costs of Liquidated Damages**

**Docket UE-190991
Docket UG-190992
(consolidated)**

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY'S
MOTION TO EXTEND SUSPENSION
DATE**

1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 *I.* In light of the unprecedented global health crisis associated with the
3 coronavirus (COVID-19), Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) offers, and hereby agrees,
4 to waive the statutory deadline (tariff suspension date) in this case for up to 60
5 days, from May 20, 2020 until July 20, 2020. Extending the tariff suspension date
6 would delay the implementation of any rate increases for customers and provide
7 the Commission with additional time to issue a Final Order to the extent there are
8 any Commission delays or disruptions associated with the effects of the
9 coronavirus (COVID-19).

10 **II. BACKGROUND AND ARGUMENT**

11 *2.* PSE filed this general rate case on June 20, 2019, which triggered a tariff
12 suspension date of May 20, 2020.¹ The case is nearing its final stages. A hearing
13 was conducted on February 6, 2020, and the parties are in the process of
14 completing post-hearing briefing.

15 *3.* In recent weeks, the coronavirus (COVID-19) has caused an
16 unprecedented global health crisis causing federal, state and local leaders to issue
17 quarantine and social distancing orders impacting nearly all aspects of society,
18 including the closure of schools, workplaces, transportation, restaurants and more.
19 The impact upon residents and businesses within PSE’s service territory has been
20 particularly severe. Federal, state and local officials expect the impact of the
21 coronavirus (COVID-19) to last for several weeks or more.

¹ Order 01 (July 5, 2019).

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4. Given the unprecedented impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19), PSE is notifying the Commission and parties that it will waive the statutory deadline and extend the tariff suspension date in this case up to July 20, 2020, including the implementation of any new rate relief granted in this case. PSE believes extending the tariff suspension date would help mitigate any rate increases on customers and would extend the time period for the Commission to issue a Final Order, which may be beneficial to the Commission, to the extent there are any disruptions or delays to Commission operations during this time.

III. CONCLUSION

5. For the reasons set forth above, PSE hereby provides notice that it will waive the statutory deadline and extend the tariff suspension date in this case up to 60 days—to July 20, 2020.

Dated: March 17, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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