

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

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 NO. UE-121373

NW ENERGY COALITION
RESPONSE TO STAFF'S MOTION
FOR SECOND EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE ANSWERS TO PUGET
SOUND ENERGY'S PETITION FOR
RECONSIDERATION AND MOTION
TO REOPEN THE RECORD

The NW Energy Coalition ("Coalition") files this response in accordance with Order 05, continuing the procedural schedule to allow a reasonable opportunity for parties to respond to Staff's Motion for second extension of time. The Coalition supports Staff's Motion, dated March 6, 2013, to extend the procedural schedule in this docket to April 5.

The Coalition has not participated in the settlement discussions between Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") and Commission Staff. We have continued to work with PSE on revisions to our joint decoupling proposal (Docket Nos. UE-121697 and UG-121705). PSE and the Coalition filed an amended joint petition and supplemental testimony in those decoupling dockets on March 1.

We are sympathetic to some of the procedural concerns raised by Public Counsel and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities in their responses to Staff's initial Motion dated February 1 for a 30-day extension of time to file answers to PSE's Petition for Reconsideration and Motion to Reopen the Record. We also support an open and inclusive process. That said, it is important to recognize that interested parties have been

engaged in discussions about the details of a potential decoupling mechanism for PSE since fall 2011; the details of a potential expedited rate filing for PSE since June 2012; and the proposed TransAlta power purchase agreement since fall 2012. These are not new issues. Further, elements in these dockets are linked, particularly with regard to cost recovery, and to explore them comprehensively seems appropriate.

The Coalition will participate in the Open Meeting on Thursday March 14 regarding PSE's decoupling docket and the subsequent hearing on Staff's motion in Docket No. UE-121373, per the March 8 Notice of Hearing on Commission Staff Motion. We also plan to participate in discussions concerning a potential global settlement of dockets UE-121373 (coal transition power), UE-121697 and UG-121705 (decoupling), and UE-130137 and UG-130138 (expedited rate filing). We hope there is opportunity to reach global agreement among the parties on these dockets.

Dated this 12th Day of March, 2013

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