

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, Complainant, v. PUGET SOUND ENERGY, Respondent.	DOCKETS UE-190529 and UG-190530 <i>(consolidated)</i> ORDER 11
In the Matter of the Petition of PUGET SOUND ENERGY For an Order Authorizing Deferral Accounting and Ratemaking Treatment for Short-life IT/Technology Investment	DOCKETS UE-190274 and UG-190275 <i>(consolidated)</i> ORDER 08
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	DOCKETS UE-171225 and UG-171226 <i>(consolidated)</i> ORDER 06
In the Matter of the Petition of PUGET SOUND ENERGY For an Order Authorizing the Accounting treatment of Costs of Liquidated Damages	DOCKETS UE-190991 and UG-190992 <i>(consolidated)</i> ORDER 06 GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND COMPLIANCE FILING DEADLINE

BACKGROUND

1 On July 8, 2020, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered its Final Order in the above-captioned dockets, which resolved all of the

contested issues in Puget Sound Energy's (PSE or Company) general rate proceeding. The Final Order required PSE to file revised tariff pages in advance of the Company's July 20, 2020, tariff suspension date.

- 2 On July 20, 2020, PSE filed a Motion to Extend Compliance Filing Deadline and a Motion for Clarification. On July 20, 2020, the Commission entered Order 09/06/04, which extended PSE's compliance filing deadline until 10 business days after the Commission entered its order resolving the Company's Motion for Clarification. The Commission granted the Company's Motion for Clarification on July 31, 2020. Under the terms of Order 09/06/04, PSE's compliance filing is due August 14, 2020.
- 3 On August 7, 2020, PSE filed a second Motion to Extend Compliance Filing Deadline (Motion). In its Motion, PSE explains that the Company filed a Petition for Judicial Review of the Commission's Final Orders on August 6, 2020, in King County Superior Court.¹ On August 7, 2020, PSE filed a Motion to Stay portions of the Final Orders, which includes a request that King County Superior Court implement an interim rate increase pending a decision on the Company's Petition for Judicial Review. PSE argues that good cause exists for the Commission to extend the time for the Company to submit its compliance filing because an order on its Motion to Stay authorizing an interim rate increase would materially impact its filing.
- 4 On August 10, 2020, the presiding administrative law judge requested each party respond to the motion by close of business. No party objected.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- 5 We grant PSE's Motion and extend the compliance filing deadline to 10 business days after King County Superior Court makes a final ruling resolving the Company's Motion for Stay. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-385 provides that the Commission may extend a deadline if the requesting party demonstrates (1) good cause and for the continuance and (2) the continuance will not prejudice any party or the Commission. We agree with the Company that its pending motion in King County Superior Court constitutes good cause to continue the compliance filing deadline. We also find that granting the extension is in the public interest because no parties will be

¹ PSE Petitioned for Judicial Review of Order 08/05/03 and Order 10/07/05.

prejudiced, and customers will not be harmed, by the resulting delay in the Company's implementation of a rate increase.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 6 (1) Puget Sound Energy's Motion for Extension is GRANTED.
- 7 (2) Puget Sound Energy must submit its compliance filing within 10 business days of the date that King County Superior Court issues a final ruling on Puget Sound Energy's Motion to Stay.
- 8 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matters and parties to this proceeding to effectuate the terms of this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective August 10, 2020.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ Rayne Pearson
RAYNE PEARSON
Administrative Law Judge