

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

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET UG-080798
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC,	)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
Seeking Exemption from the	)	
Provisions of WAC 480-90-257	)	ORDER GRANTING
Requiring Electric Companies to File	)	EXEMPTION FROM RULE;
the Annual Commission Basis Report	)	GRANTING COMPANY
for the fiscal year ending	)	ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE
December 31, 2007, due by April 30,	)	THE ANNUAL COMMISSION
2008	)	BASIS REPORT
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On April 28, 2008, Puget Sound Energy, Inc (Puget or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file the Annual Commission Basis report for 2007 as required by WAC 480-90-257. According to Puget, it is unable to prepare the report due to the general rate case activity in Docket UG-072301. The Company seeks an extension until May 15, 2008.
  
- 2 After reviewing Puget’s petition for exemption, Commission Staff recommended granting the request to file the report on May 15, 2008.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.*
  
- 4 (2) Puget is an electric company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

- 5 (3) The Company is subject to RCW 80.04.080 and WAC 480-90-257, which require electric companies to file their Annual Commission Basis report by April 30 of each year.
- 6 (4) Under WAC 480-90-008, the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-90, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. *See also WAC 480-07-110.*
- 7 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2008.
- 8 (6) After reviewing Puget's petition filed in Docket UG-080798 on April 28, 2008, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 9 (1) Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s petition for an extension of time until May 15, 2008, to file the Commission Basis 2007 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by Puget Sound Energy, Inc. to file the Commission Basis 2007 annual report by May 15, 2008, may result in the Commission invoking RCW 80.04.405, which allows the Commission to assess penalties for violations of statute, rule and Commission orders.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Puget Sound Energy, Inc. to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Executive Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 15, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary