

Attachment

- 4 Commission Staff believes that the selection and timing of the lowest reasonable cost resource is strongly impacted by the accuracy of the load forecast. Because the current IRP filing schedule would require the Company to rely on an outdated forecast, granting the exemption more appropriately serves the public interest and the underlying purpose of the IRP rule.
- 5 The Company has committed to filing an updated 2015 IRP Work Plan by August 29, 2014 and providing the draft IRP by July 31, 2015, if the Commission grants the extension. The draft IRP would be available for a two-month public review and comment period before the final IRP is issued.
- 6 Commission Staff recommends granting PSE's request for an exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4) and WAC 480-90-438(4), thereby allowing the Company to (1) file its 2015 IRP on September 30, 2015, and (2) change to a July 15 IRP filing date starting in 2017.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (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 gas and electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.*
- 8 (2) PSE is engaged in the business of providing gas and electric services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 9 (3) PSE is subject to WAC 480-100-238 and WAC 480-90-238, which requires electric and gas companies to file integrated resource plans.
- 10 (4) Under WAC 480-100-008 and WAC 480-90-008, the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in chapters 480-100 WAC and 480-90 WAC, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. *See also WAC 480-07-110.*

- 11 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on _____, 2014.
- 12 (6) After reviewing PSE's petition filed in Docket UE-141170 and UG-141169 on July 16, 2014, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) After the effective date of this Order, Puget Sound Energy's request for an exemption from WAC 480-100-238(4) and WAC 480-90-238(4) is granted to allow the Company to file its 2015 integrated resource plan on September 30, 2015.
- 14 (2) Puget Sound Energy's request to change to a July 15 IRP filing date starting in 2017 is granted.
- 15 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Puget Sound Energy to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective _____, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner