Attachment

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of PUGET SOUND ENERGY,) DOCKETS UE-141170) UG-141169) ORDER 01	
Petitioner,)))))	
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions of WAC 480-100-238(4) and WAC 480-90-238(4) Relating to the Timing of Integrated Resource Plan Filings) (PROPOSED)) ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION) FROM WAC 480-100-238(4) and) WAC 480-90-238(4))	

BACKGROUND

- On July 16, 2014, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) filed a petition requesting (1) an extension and modification of the filing date for its 2015 Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) from May 30, 2015, to September 30, 2015, and (2) a modification of the IRP filing date to July 15 starting in 2017.
- WAC 480-100-238(4) and WAC 480-90-238(4) require electric and gas companies to file an integrated resource plan within two years of its previous filing or as required by the Commission. PSE's next integrated resource plan is due on May 30, 2015, as shown in PSE's IRP Work Plan filings of May 29, 2014.
- In its petition, PSE explains that due to the timing of the load forecast process, it would be advisable to allow the Company time to complete and consider a more current load forecast for the 2015, and future, IRPs. PSE contends that the time extension will allow the company to provide an IRP that is not obsolete at the time of filing, and thereby will serve the public interest. The potential for a delay in filing the 2015 IRP was discussed with Commission Staff with several external stakeholders, and no opposition was expressed.

- 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 Because the current IRP filing schedule would require the Company to rely on an outdated forecast, granting the exemption more appropriately serves the public interest and the underlying purpose of the IRP rule.
- 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
	THI	E 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.
	DA	ΓED at Olympia, Washington, and effective, 2014.
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		DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman
		JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Commissioner
		DUILID B. IONES, Commissioner