**[Service Date May 25, 2012]**

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**NOTICE GRANTING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

Re: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.,* Docket U-111465

TO ALL PARTIES:

On February 10, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued Order 01 – Prehearing Conference Order in the above-referenced docket establishing a procedural schedule.

On May 24, 2012, Commission Staff (Staff) filed with the Commission, on behalf of the parties, a Joint Motion for Continuance of the Procedural Schedule. Staff states that the reason for the continuance is to facilitate ongoing settlement discussions between the Parties, and to avoid the time and expense associated with preparing testimony while those negotiations continue. All parties have agreed to the requested continuance and provide a modified procedural schedule. The Commission finds that Staff has demonstrated good cause to continue the filing deadlines and grants the request as follows:

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| **Event** | **Prior Deadline** | **New Deadline** |
| Commission Staff and Public Counsel Prefiled Direct Testimony and Exhibits | June 1, 2012 | June 22, 2012 |
| Puget Sound Energy Prefiled Responsive Testimony and Exhibits  | July 6, 2012 | July 27, 2012 |
| Commission Staff and Public Counsel Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits | August 3, 2012 | August 24, 2012 |
| Second Settlement Conference (parties only) | August 13, 2012 | September 4, 2012 |
| Evidentiary Hearing | September 11, 2012 | September 25, 2012 |
| Simultaneous Post-hearing Briefs | TBD, if necessary | TBD, if necessary |

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the Commission grants Staff’s request for a continuance and adopts the revised procedural schedule as indicated above.**

Sincerely,

GREGORY J. KOPTA

Director, Administrative Law Division