

**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 09
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 06
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 04
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 04 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 (Motion). In its Motion, PSE argues that good cause exists for the Commission to extend the time for PSE to submit its compliance filing because the Company filed, in conjunction with its Motion, a motion for clarification. PSE asserts that it is unable to submit a compliance filing until it receives clarification of several issues in the Final Order. PSE contends that no party will be prejudiced by the Commission granting an extension for the Company to submit its compliance filing, and that customers will not be harmed by the resulting delay in the implementation of a rate increase. PSE requests the Commission grant an extension for submitting the compliance filing until 10 business days after the Commission issues an order either clarifying the Final Order or denying PSE's motion for clarification. The presiding administrative law judge solicited responses from each party and confirmed that none object to PSE's Motion.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- 3 We grant PSE's Motion and extend the compliance filing deadline to 10 business days after the Commission enters an order resolving the Company's motion for clarification. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-385 provides that the Commission may extend a deadline if the requesting party demonstrates (1) good cause for the continuance and (2) the continuance will not prejudice any party or the Commission.¹ We agree with the Company that the extension is in the public interest because it will afford the Commission the time necessary to consider the Company's motion for clarification. For that same reason, we also find that granting an extension of time is consistent with the Commission's administrative needs. Finally, we find that no party will be prejudiced based on the absence of any objection to the Company's Motion.

¹ Although WAC 480-07-385 provides that a party should file a request for continuance in writing at least five business days prior to the deadline the party requests to continue, we nevertheless grant the Company's Motion because Counsel for PSE contacted Administrative Law Judge Rayne Pearson on Thursday, July 9, 2020, via email and notified her that the Motion was forthcoming.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 4 (1) Puget Sound Energy's Motion for Extension is GRANTED.
- 5 (2) Puget Sound Energy must submit its compliance filing within 10 business days of the date the Commission issues an order granting or denying Puget Sound Energy's Motion for Clarification.
- 6 (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 July 20, 2020.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ Rayne Pearson
RAYNE PEARSON
Administrative Law Judge