

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET UE-060266
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
	)	DOCKET UG-060267
Complainant,	)	
	)	ORDER 05
v.	)	
	)	GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.	)	SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY;
	)	GRANTING REQUEST FOR
Respondent.	)	CONTINUANCE OF FILING
	)	DATE FOR RESPONSE
.....	)	TESTIMONY

**MEMORANDUM**

- 1 On February 15, 2006, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., (PSE) filed revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service, Advice No. 2006-02, and revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, Gas Service, Advice No. 2006-03. The stated effective date of the proposed tariff revisions is March 18, 2006. The proposed revisions would implement a general rate increase of \$148.8 million, or 9.21 percent for electric service and \$51.3 million, or 5.34 percent for gas service.
  
- 2 PSE also filed on February 15, 2006, revisions to its electric tariff, as required by the Commission’s Order 04 in Docket UE-050870, involving the Company’s power cost only rate case. Order 04 provided that “PSE is authorized and required to file a general rate case by mid-February 2006 that, among other things, will result in a new or restated Power Cost Baseline Rate to be effective on January 1, 2007.”
  
- 3 The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) suspended PSE’s proposed tariff revisions on February 22, 2006. The Commission held a prehearing conference in these dockets at Olympia, Washington on March 21, 2006, before Administrative Law Judge C. Robert Wallis. In Order 02 Prehearing Conference Order, the Commission established a procedural schedule including the date of July 19, 2006, for the Commission’s regulatory staff (Commission Staff), Public Counsel, and the intervenors to file response testimony.

- 4 On July 10, 2006, PSE filed its Motion for Leave To File Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits. The supplemental testimony and exhibits reflect the July 1, 2006, update to PSE's Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Mechanism power cost baseline rate, consistent with the Commission's June 29, 2006, order in Dockets UE-050870 and UE-060783. The supplemental testimony also updates PSE's power cost projections for the rate year.
- 5 On July 12, 2006, Commission Staff, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") and Public Counsel (collectively, the "Moving Parties") responded to PSE's Motion. The Moving Parties stated that do not object to PSE's Motion, but request that the Commission grant an extension from July 19, 2006, to July 25, 2006, for Staff, Public Counsel, and intervenors to submit response testimony and exhibits subject to certain conditions discussed below. In support of their request, the Moving Parties state that the updates proposed by PSE to its power cost projections require additional time for other parties to prepare their response testimony on issues related to power costs and the PCA.
- 6 The Moving Parties state that they have conferred with other parties to this proceeding, including PSE, and agree to the following process regarding the PSE's Motion:
- PSE's Motion should be granted.
  - On July 19, 2006, Staff, Public Counsel and intervenors will provide to all parties by electronic transmission no later than 4:00 p.m. final and complete copies of their response testimonies and exhibits on issues that are not related to power costs and the PCA. PSE may then begin discovery on that material and will also receive copies of the parties' underlying workpapers for that material on July 21, 2006. A courtesy copy of the July 19 materials will be provided to presiding Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss.
  - On July 25, 2006, Staff, Public Counsel and intervenors will submit to the Commission and serve on PSE and each other their response testimonies and exhibits on *all* issues. Submission and service will be via electronic transmission no later than 4:00 p.m. with overnight delivery of hard copies the next day to effect formal filing. Using the same delivery

process, the parties will also provide PSE copies of underlying workpapers not already provided on July 21, 2006.

- 7 The Commission finds that good cause exists for it to grant the requested extension of time for the submission and filing of response testimony following the procedures proposed by the Moving Parties. This will allow Staff, Public Counsel, and intervenors to adequately respond to the supplemental testimony and exhibits that PSE filed on July 10, 2006. Delaying the formal filing of all response testimony and exhibits until July 26, 2006, will be more convenient administratively for the Commission and will not prejudice any party.<sup>1</sup>

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) PSE's Motion for Leave To File Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits is granted.
- 9 (2) The date for Staff, Public Counsel, and the intervenors to submit and serve their respective response testimonies and exhibits via electronic transmission by 4:00 p.m. is set for July 25, 2006, and the date for filing response testimony and exhibits is continued to July 26, 2006. All remaining procedural dates are unchanged, as set forth in Appendix A to this Order.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective July 13, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>1</sup> The Parties will submit and serve their respective testimony and exhibits by electronic transmission on July 25, 2006, as discussed in the body of this Order. This procedure results in an automatic one-day extension of the date for filing an original and required number of copies with the Commission.

**APPENDIX A  
REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
DOCKET UE-060266 and UG-060267**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>INTERVAL</b>
<b>Issue Discussion/Settlement Conference (for parties only)</b>	<b>May 17-18, 2006</b>	
<b>Settlement Conference (for parties only)</b>	<b>June 13-14, 2006</b>	26 days
<b>Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenors Response Testimony and Exhibits</b>	<b>July 26, 2006 (electronic distribution July 25)</b>	42 days
<b>Company Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits</b>	<b>August 23, 2006</b>	28 days
<b>Hearings</b>	<b>September 18-29, 2006</b>	26 days
<b>Opening Briefs</b>	<b>October 31, 2006</b>	32 days
<b>Answering Briefs</b>	<b>November 14, 2006</b>	14 days