

December 3, 2003

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound
Energy, Inc., Docket No. UE-031389

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

Thank you for the status report in this docket.

The purpose of today's status report was to determine whether the time scheduled on December 11, 2003, could be used for a settlement presentation to the Commissioners. The Commission continues to support the parties' efforts to reach an appropriate informal resolution of the matter by settlement.

However, without a commitment today that a settlement is probable, it is necessary to cancel the alternative settlement presentation on December 11 that the prehearing conference order provided for. The time will be used to convene a conference to receive a further status report and address scheduling and procedural issues as they appear on that date.

If the parties are successful in reaching a settlement by Friday, December 5, 2003, the Commission will make its best efforts to schedule a settlement presentation promptly.

Sincerely,

C. ROBERT WALLIS
Administrative Law Judge