

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

In re Commission Investigations of the Gas
Pipeline System of Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

DOCKETS PG-050331 and
PG-050516

ORDER 01

ORDER ACCEPTING
AGREEMENT AND CLOSING
INVESTIGATIONS

- 1 These dockets involve inspections by the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) of the natural gas pipeline systems owned and operated by Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) in Pierce County and King County. The Commission Staff conducted the inspections. As a result of the inspections, Commission Staff believes an appropriate way to address certain issues in these dockets is through an agreement under which PSE agrees to take specific steps to improve its system and practices.
- 2 On September 21, 2007, the Commission Staff and PSE filed an Agreement consisting of: a “Stipulated Agreement to Close Dockets;” and Appendices A, B, C, D, and E.
- 3 The Agreement states that it is not effective until approved by the Commission. According to the Agreement, its effective date is the date the Commission approves it.
- 4 The Commission has reviewed the Agreement and has determined that it provides an appropriate basis for concluding these dockets, and is consistent with the public interest. Therefore, the Commission approves the Agreement, and closes the investigations.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 5 (1) Puget Sound Energy, Inc. operates a gas pipeline distribution system serving the public.
- 6 (2) Commission Staff conducted an inspection of PSE’s gas distribution system in Pierce County, Docket PG-050331, which is summarized in Appendix A of the Agreement.
- 7 (3) Commission Staff conducted an inspection of PSE’s gas distribution system in King County, Docket PG-050516, which is summarized in Appendix B of the

Agreement.

- 8 (3) Commission Staff and PSE have entered into the Agreement as an appropriate resolution of the issues raised by the inspections in dockets PG-050331 and PG-050516.
- 9 (4) The Commission has reviewed the Agreement. The Agreement is an appropriate resolution of the issues raised by the inspections in dockets PG-050331 and PG-050516.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 10 (1) The Commission has jurisdiction under RCW 80.28 to regulate the safety of the gas plant owned and operated by Puget Sound Energy, Inc.
- 11 (2) The Agreement entered into between PSE and the Commission Staff represents an appropriate resolution of the issues raised by the inspections in these dockets. The Agreement is in the public interest. The Agreement should be approved, and these dockets should be closed.
- 12 (3) The effective date of the Agreement is the date of this Order.

ORDER

- 13 It is hereby ordered that the Agreement filed September 21, 2007, is approved, and the investigations in these dockets are closed. The Commission retains jurisdiction to effectuate the terms of this Order, including enforcement of the Agreement, if necessary.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October ____, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

PATRICK OSHIE, Commissioner