

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET PG-030080 and PG-030128
TRANSPORTATION	)	
COMMISSION,	)	
	)	ORDER 03
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	ORDER AMENDING ORDER 02
	)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 **Proceeding:** Dockets PG-030080 and PG-030128 are complaints of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) against Puget Sound Energy (PSE). The complaint alleges that PSE has failed to comply with and violated federal and state pipeline safety regulations, and rules and orders of the Commission.
- 2 On January 19, 2005, PSE and Commission Staff (Staff) filed a Settlement Agreement for the purpose of resolving all issues raised in the Complaint. On January 31, 2006, the Commission entered Order 02—Order Sustaining Complaint; Approving and Adopting Settlement Agreement.

**MEMORANDUM**

**A. Introduction**

- 3 On April 12, 2006, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. and Staff filed a Joint Motion to Amend Order 02. They asked the Commission to amend its Order to modify deadline dates for certain specific PSE reports required under that order, to the

extent it prescribes deadlines for compliance with report filing deadlines for the Isolated Facilities Program and the Bare Steel Replacement Program described in the order.

### **B. Isolated Facilities Program**

4 Section 7 of the Isolated Facilities Program currently requires PSE to file reports with the Commission “upon conclusion of the pilot program and annually until the program is completed.” PSE and Staff ask the Commission to specify semi-annual as well as annual reports. PSE states it can commit to file future semi-annual reports by September 15 of each year (beginning in 2006) and to file future annual reports by March 15 of each year (beginning March 15, 2007).

### **C. Bare Steel Replacement Program**

5 Section 5.5.2 of the Bare Steel Replacement Program currently requires PSE to conduct a system risk assessment “by December 31 of each calendar year.” PSE and Staff ask the Commission to change the deadline to require the filing “by October 1 of each calendar year.” This change would specify the actual date that PSE will file the annual risk model report with the Commission.

### **D. Conclusion**

6 Neither of the proposed changes will dilute the effect of the order, the first request would double the number of reports available to the Commission, and both requests would provide the Commission with more-current information. Both requests are consistent with the public interest and should be granted.

## **ORDER**

7 The Commission grants the request to amend Order 02 as follows:

8 (1) Beginning in 2006, PSE must file its semi-annual report annually no later than September 15.

- 9 (2) Beginning in 2007, PSE must file its annual report by March 15 of each year.
- 10 (3) Section 5.5.2 of the Bare Steel Replacement Program is revised by changing the deadline for PSE to conduct a system risk assessment “by October 1 of each calendar year.”
- 11 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter of any of the parties to this proceeding to effectuate the terms of the final Order and the instant Order in the protection of the public safety.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective April 24, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner