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January 6, 2020

NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

and

**NOTICE REQUIRING FILING OF SETTLEMENT
DOCUMENTS OR STATUS REPORT
(by February 18, 2020)**

RE: *Seattle Children's Hospital; Overlake Hospital Medical Center; Hospital Central Services Association; Costco Wholesale Corporation; Northwest Baking Limited Partnership d/b/a Northwest Baking Company; First Call Plus of Washington, L.L.C.; Repaul Textiles LLC, d/b/a Sterile Surgical Systems; Shining Ocean, Inc.; Tucci & Sons, Inc.; Westrock CP, LLC; Nucor Steel Seattle Inc.; Ace Galvanizing, Inc.; Gardener Asphalt Corporation; and Western Wood Preserving Co. v. Puget Sound Energy, Docket UG-190857*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On October 1, 2019, the above-captioned natural gas transportation customers of Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a complaint (Complaint) alleging that PSE imposed upon them Curtailment Penalties of more than \$900,000 without authorization to do so under the Company's tariff. On November 12, 2019, PSE filed an answer to the Complaint, denying that the penalties that it charged to the customers were unlawful under its tariff.¹ On November 26, 2019, the Commission granted intervention to the Tulalip Tribes.

¹ In Order 01 issued in this proceeding, the Commission granted PSE's November 5, 2019, motion for extension of time to answer the Complaint.

On January 2, 2020, attorneys for the parties notified the Commission that the parties had reached a settlement in principle, requested the procedural schedule (and discovery) be suspended, and indicated the parties intended to file a settlement agreement and supporting documentation by February 18, 2020.

The Commission finds good cause to suspend the procedural schedule and therefore grants the parties' request. The parties must file either a settlement agreement and supporting documentation or a report on the status of their settlement negotiations by Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in this matter is suspended. The parties must file either a settlement agreement and supporting documentation or a status report of their negotiations no later than February 18, 2020.

/s/ *Andrew J. O'Connell*

ANDREW J. O'CONNELL
Administrative Law Judge