

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.
and NW ENERGY COALITION

For an Order Authorizing PSE To
Implement Electric and Natural Gas
Decoupling Mechanisms and To Record
Accounting Entries Associated With the
Mechanisms

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

DOCKET NOS. UE-121697
and UG-121705

DOCKETS UE-130137 and
UG-130138

**JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

1. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-385, Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU), Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (Puget), Nucor Steel Seattle, Inc. (Nucor), and Kroger Co. (Kroger) (collectively, Movants) jointly move the Commission to extend the procedural schedule in this docket as described more fully below.¹

¹ All parties to the above-captioned dockets have been notified of the request to extend the procedural schedule. NW Energy Coalition supports the motion, Public Counsel indicated it does not take a position on the motion, and no other non-moving parties objected to the motion.

2. The Commission filed and served on June 25, 2013, order 07, its Final Order in the above-captioned matter. On July 5, 2013, NWIGU, Kroger, and Nucor filed separate petitions for reconsideration of Order 07 and those petitions remain pending.
3. On July 19, 2013, the Commission issued a Notice providing an opportunity for all parties to file answers to the petitions for reconsideration no later than August 30, 2013. The Commission's Notice further indicated the Commission's intent to take final action on the petitions for reconsideration no later than September 20, 2013.
4. The Commission's stated basis for the schedule set forth in the Notice is the Commission's determination that it should "establish procedures and a schedule to provide an adequate opportunity for the parties to conduct collaborative sessions to explore alternative approaches to achieving the underlying goals and purposes of decoupling for the non-residential class of customers."
5. Following issuance of the Commission's Notice, the parties met on two occasions to engage in the dialogue contemplated by the Commission. The first meeting occurred on August 5, 2013, and the second meeting occurred on August 19, 2013.
6. As a result of the parties' discussions, multiple proposals are under consideration by the parties for developing alternative approaches to achieving the underlying goals and purposes of decoupling for the non-residential classes of customers. These proposals require a technical analysis by all parties in order to understand their effects on customers and the utility.
7. Movants believe that it is the best interests of the parties and the Commission to continue allowing the parties to analyze alternative proposals before the Commission considers answers to the petitions for reconsideration in this matter. The parties, however,

are not able to meet again to discuss their analysis of those proposals until the middle part of September.

8. In order to provide the parties additional time to continue the meaningful dialogue they have already begun, Movants request that the Commission extend the procedural schedule in this docket by 45 days. As a result of the schedule modification, parties' answers to the petitions for reconsideration would be due no later than October 14, 2013. The Commission could then take action no later than November 4, 2013, or at a time the Commission deems appropriate following submittal of the parties' answers.
9. The motion is being presented to the Commission by NWIGU; Puget, Nucor, and Kroger have authorized NWIGU to submit this motion on their behalf as well.

Dated in Portland, Oregon, this 23rd day of August 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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