

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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	DOCKET UE-061696
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.	)	ORDER 01
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For An Order Approving an Agreement	)	
for Transfer of Distribution Facilities to	)	ORDER GRANTING
the CITY OF ELLENSBURG	)	APPLICATION
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On November 7, 2006, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("the Company") filed an Application pursuant to RCW 54.48.030 seeking Commission approval of an agreement for the transfer of distribution facilities and associated customers' service ("Agreement") between the Company and the City of Ellensburg, Washington ("Ellensburg"). The Agreement provides for the transfer of distribution facilities and associated accounts related to seventy-one (71) customers whose service is to be transferred from the Company to Ellensburg as a result of the facilities transfer.
- 2 The Company and Ellensburg have agreed to transfer certain distribution facilities and associated accounts related to seventy-one (71) customers in order to avoid or eliminate duplication of electric facilities. *See* Agreement, Recitals E and F. The legislature has declared that it is in the public interest for public utilities to enter into agreements for the purpose of avoiding or eliminating duplication of electric lines and service of public utilities. *See* RCW 54.48.020.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including electric companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW; Chapter 80.12 RCW and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*
- 4 (2) PSE is an electric company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

- 5 (3) After examination of the petition filed in Docket UE-061696 by PSE on November 7, 2006, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the filing is consistent with the public interest and should be granted.

**ORDER**

- 6 (1) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., request to the transfer of distribution facilities and related accounts is approved.
- 7 (2) This Order shall in no way affect the authority of this Commission over rates, services, accounts, evaluations, estimates, or determination of costs on any matters whatsoever that may come before it, nor shall anything herein be construed as an acquiescence in any estimate or determination of costs claimed or asserted.
- 8 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Puget Sound Energy, to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 29, 2006.

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary**