



Sarah E. Edmonds
Legal Counsel
825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1800
Portland, OR 97232
Direct Dial (503) 813-6840
Fax (503) 813-7252
email: sarah.edmonds@pacificorp.com

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS AND ELECTRONIC FILING

January 8, 2008

Ms. Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Chandler Plaza Building 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW PO Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Puget Holdings LLC and Puget Sound Energy,

Inc. For an Order Authorizing Proposed Transaction

Docket No. U-072375

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find the original and thirteen copies of the Petition to Intervene on behalf of PacifiCorp in the matter referenced above. Please stamp one of the copies and return in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please call me at (503) 813-6840 if you have any questions.

Imende

Very truly yours,

Sarah E. Edmonds

Legal Counsel

825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1800

Portland, OR 97232

Direct Dial (503) 813-6840

Fax (503) 813-7252

email: sarah.edmonds@pacificorp.com

Enclosures

cc: service list

BEFORE THE

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of) DOCKET NO. U-072375
PUGET HOLDINGS LLC))
)
and)
) PETITION FOR LEAVE TO
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.) INTERVENE OF PACIFICORP d/b/a
) PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT
For an Order Authorizing Proposed) COMPANY
Transaction)
)
	_)

Pursuant to WAC § 480-07-355 and the Notice of Prehearing Conference issued in the above-referenced Docket, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company ("PacifiCorp") hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("WUTC" or "Commission") for leave to intervene as an intervenor with full party status as described in WAC § 480-07-340.

I. PacifiCorp's Address

The business address of PacifiCorp is:

1

Andrea Kelly Vice President, Regulation PacifiCorp 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97232 Telephone: (503) 813-6043

Facsimile: (503) 813-6438

Email: andrea.kelly@pacificorp.com

II. PacifiCorp's Interest in the Proceeding

3

PacifiCorp is an electrical company and public service company in the State of Washington within the meaning of RCW 80.04.010, and is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction with respect to its prices and terms of electric service to retail customers in Washington. PacifiCorp provides electric service to approximately 123,000 retail customers in the State of Washington and approximately 1.6 million total retail customers in Washington, California, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming. The Company's principal place of business is Portland, Oregon.

4

On December 17, 2007, Puget Holdings LLC ("Puget Holdings") and Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") filed with the Commission a joint application for an order authorizing a proposed transfer of ownership and control of Puget Energy and its wholly owned subsidiary, PSE, to Puget Holdings (the "Proposed Transaction"). Puget Holdings and PSE have requested that the Commission endeavor to complete its review of the proposed transaction and enter an order by July 1, 2008. In the Notice of Prehearing Conference, the Commission found good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice and issued a notice for a Prehearing Conference for Monday, January 14, 2008.

5

Because PacifiCorp is a public service company regulated by the Commission it will be directly affected by the development of regulatory precedent relating to ownership structure. PacifiCorp has a substantial interest in the development of policies and precedent relating to the acquisition by Puget Holdings of Puget Energy and its wholly-owned subsidiary, PSE, also a regulated public service company. PacifiCorp requests the opportunity to monitor and, as necessary, participate in the development of Commission policy which could directly and

PAGE 2 – PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

substantially relate to PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp's intervention in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay this proceeding. Furthermore, PacifiCorp's interest in this proceeding is in the public interest and cannot be adequately represented by any other party.

III. PacifiCorp's Position With Respect to Matters in Controversy

6

Commitment No. 8 of the Proposed Transaction requires Puget Holdings to file a non-consolidation opinion with the Commission within ninety (90) days of the closing of the Proposed Transaction which will conclude that the proposed ring-fencing provisions are sufficient such that a bankruptcy court would not order the substantive consolidation of the assets and liabilities of PSE with those of Puget Energy or its affiliates or subsidiaries.

7

Because of this proposed Commitment No. 8, PacifiCorp anticipates that this proceeding will address ring-fencing provisions proposed by Puget Holdings and PSE. As such, this proceeding may establish precedent relating to ownership structure, including ring-fencing provisions. PacifiCorp, as a result of its ownership structure, has a direct and substantial interest in these proceedings. On February 21, 2006, the Commission issued an order approving the joint application of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company ("MEHC") and PacifiCorp authorizing MEHC's proposed purchase of PacifiCorp from Scottish Power. The commitments made in support of the joint application by MEHC and PacifiCorp included extensive ring-fencing provisions intended to provide meaningful protection for the regulated utility from financial risks associated with it becoming part of a holding company structure.

PAGE 3 – PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

8

Accordingly, PacifiCorp has a direct and substantial interest in the outcome of this

proceeding and which cannot be adequately represented by any other party. Moreover, the

Commission has found intervention by a public service company to intervene in an acquisition

proceeding to be in the public interest where the intervenor had a substantial interest in the

development of the Commission's merger policies and would be affected by conditions imposed

by the Commission which pertained to its future operations.²

IV. PacifiCorp Does Not Intend to Broaden the Issues in this Proceeding

9

PacifiCorp's intervention in this proceeding will not broaden or unnecessarily complicate

the Commission's consideration of the Proposed Transaction. As described above, PacifiCorp's

interest in these proceedings is limited to those issues which may establish policy and precedent

relating to ownership structure, including ring-fencing provisions. In addition, PacifiCorp's own

experience with ring-fencing provisions may serve to assist the Commission in resolving issues

relating to this topic.

¹ In the Matter of the Joint Application of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company and PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company For an Order Authorizing Proposed Transaction, Docket UE-051090, Order 07 (Feb. 22,

2006), as amended, Order 08 (Mar. 9, 2006).

² In the Matter of the Proposal by Puget Sound Power & Light Company to Transfer Revenues from PRAM Rates to General Rates, Docket UE-951270, In the Matter of the Application of Puget Sound Power & Light Company and Washington Natural Gas Company for an Order Authorizing Merger, Docket UE-960195 (consolidated) (Jul. 10,

1996).

PAGE 4 – PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

V. PacifiCorp's Attorney Representative

PacifiCorp will be represented in this proceeding by Sarah E. Edmonds. All documents relating to these proceedings should also be served on PacifiCorp's attorneys at the following address:

Sarah E. Edmonds Legal Counsel PacifiCorp 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1800 Portland, OR 97232 Telephone: (503) 813-6840

Facsimile: (503) 813-7525

Email:sarah.edmonds@pacificorp.com

A notice of appearance will be separately filed.

VI. Conclusion

10

11

12

As described above, PacifiCorp has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding that cannot be adequately represented by any other party, and may be affected by any Commission determination made in connection with this proceeding. Therefore, it is in the public interest to allow PacifiCorp to intervene in this proceeding.

PAGE 5 – PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

WHEREFORE, PacifiCorp respectfully petitions the Commission for leave to intervene

in this proceeding.

13

Dated in Portland, Oregon, this 8th day of January, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Edmonds

Legal Counsel

PACIFICORP

PacifiCorp

825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1800

Portland, OR 97232

Telephone: (503) 813-6840 Facsimile: (503) 813-7525

Email:sarah.edmonds@pacificorp.com

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have cause to be served the foregoing **PETITION FOR LEAVE**

TO INTERVENE in WUTC Docket No. U-072375 by first class mail to the parties on

the attached service list.

TOM DEBOER	CHRISTOPHER LESLIE
DIRECTOR, RATES & REGULATORY	PUGET HOLDINGS, LLC
AFFAIRS	Representing Puget Holding, LLC
PUGET SOUND ENERGY (E012)	125 WEST 55TH STREET FL 22
PO BOX 97034, PSE-08N	NEW YORK NY 10019
BELLEVUE WA 98009-9734	E-mail: chris .leslie@macquarie.com
E-mail: tom.deboer@pse.com	
Z min tem tem per em	
SHEREE CARSON	JASON KUZMA
PERKINS COIE	PERKINS COIE L.L.P.
Representing Joint counsel Applicants	Representing Joint counsel for Applicant
10885 N.E. FOURTH STREET STE 700	10885 N.E. FOURTH ST. STE 700
BELLEVUE WA ·98004-5579	BELLEVUE WA 98004-5579
E-mail: scarson@perkinscoie.com	E-mail: JKuzma@perkinscoie.com
QUALITY FOOD CENTERS, INC.	FRED MEYER STORES, INC.
10116 N.E. 8TH STREET	3800 SOUTHEAST 2ND STREET
BELLEVUE WA 98004	PORTLAND OR 99202
THE KROGER CO.	NORMAN FURUTA
ATTN: CORPORATE ENERGY	ASSOCIATE COUNSEL
MANAGER (G09)	DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
1014 VINE STREET	Representing Federal Executive Agencies
CINCINNATI OH 45202	1455 MARKET STREET STE 1744
E-mail: dgeorge@kroger.com	SAN FRANCISCO CA 94103-1399
	E-mail: norman.furuta@navy.mil
SCOTT JOHANSEN	MICHAEL L KURTZ
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL	ATTORNEY
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY	BOEHM, KURTZ, & LOWRY
Representing Federal Executive Agencies	Representing The Kroger Co.
1220 PACIFIC HIGHWAY	36 E. SEVENTH ST. STE 1510
SAN DIEGO CA 92132	CINCINNATI OH 45202
E-mail: scott.johansen@navy.mil	E-mail: <u>mkurtz@bkllawfirm.com</u>
ROBERT D CEDARBAUM	DON TROTTER
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WUTC	WUTC
ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE	ATTORNEY GENERAL SECTION
STATE MAIL STOP 40128	STATE MAIL STOP 40128
E-mail: <u>bcedarba@wutc.wa.gov</u>	E-mail: dtrotter@wutc.wa.gov

SIMON FFITCH	MARTHA BRANDON
AAG	PO BOX 10369
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	BAINBRIDGE ISLAND WA 98110
PUBLIC COUNSEL	E-mail: mebrandon@qwest.net
800 FIFTH AVENUE STE 2000	
SEATTLE WA 98104-3188	
E-mail: simonf@atg .wa.gov	
MARV CYPERT	BILL PARKER
4137 SHINCKE RD	9512 232ND STREET SOUTHWEST
OLYMPIA WA 98506	EDMONDS WA 98020
ROLAND STROLIS	PATRICIA WOEHRLIN
13002 NORTHEAST 101ST PLACE	717 15TH STREET
KIRKLAND WA 98033	BELLINGHAM WA 98225
E-mail: vidor@nwlink.com	
SALLY BROWN	
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	
WUTC	
ATTORNEY GENERAL SECTION	
STATE MAIL STOP 40128	
E-mail: sjohnston@wutc.wa.gov	

DATED this 8th day of January, 2008.

Sarah E. Edmonds

Legal Counsel PacifiCorp

825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1800

Portland, OR 97232 Telephone: (503) 813-6840 Facsimile: (503) 813-7525

Email:sarah.edmonds@pacificorp.com