

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
)	DOCKET UG-151663
PUGET SOUND ENERGY)	
)	ORDER 03
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for (i) Approval of a Special Contract for)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
Liquefied Natural Gas Fuel Service with)	ORDER
Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Inc. and)	
(ii) a Declaratory Order Approving the)	NOTICE OF HEARING
Methodology for Allocating Costs)	(Set for January 29, 2016, at 9:30
Between Regulated and Non-regulated)	a.m.)
Liquefied Natural Gas Services)	
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- 1 **PROCEEDING.** On August 11, 2015, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or the Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition for Approval of a Special Contract for Liquefied Natural Gas Fuel Service with Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Inc., and a Declaratory Order Approving the Methodology for Allocating Costs between Regulated and Non-regulated Liquefied Natural Gas Services.

- 2 The Commission convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington on September 8, 2015, before Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss. Commission Staff, Public Counsel, and the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) appeared and will continue to participate as parties. The Commission adopted a preliminary procedural schedule including technical conferences on September 18 and 21, and October 8, 2015. The parties agreed to reconvene in prehearing to discuss their progress on the afternoon of October 13, 2015.

- 3 Counsel for PSE, Staff, Public Counsel, and NWIGU each commented favorably during the second prehearing conference on the progress made during the three technical conferences and in additional communications, including discovery, during the September and early October time frame. The parties have identified and are working to resolve issues of law and policy that raise threshold questions, the resolution of which could be determinative. The parties agreed to continue seeking common ground and to either report success in this regard, or to file simultaneous briefs on November 20, 2015, stating their respective positions on these issues that do not involve contested facts. The Commission will endeavor to act on these threshold matters, whether in response to a common proposal from the parties or by deciding any contested points of law or policy,

by mid-December. If issues remain that cannot be resolved on stipulated facts the Commission will establish early dates for response and rebuttal testimony, if needed, considering a planned January 29, 2016, hearing date. The Commission may elect to conduct an evidentiary hearing with oral direct and cross-examination testimony in lieu of pre-filed testimony.

- 4 **NOTICE OF HEARING.** The Commission will hold an evidentiary hearing in this matter, if necessary, on **January 29, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

- 5 **NOTICE TO PARTIES: A party who objects to any portion of this Order must file a written objection within ten (10) calendar days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430 and WAC 480-07-810. The service date appears on the first page of the order in the upper right-hand corner. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 15, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A
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