

December 18, 2001

**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF COMMISSION BENCH REQUEST
(December 28, 2001)**

RE: WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy
Docket Nos. UE-011570/UG-011571

TO PUGET SOUND ENERGY:

Please respond to the following Bench Request as soon as possible, but no later than December 28, 2001:

1. On December 3, 2001, Puget Sound Energy filed proposed Schedule No. 128 with Advice No. 2001 – 51 – Electric Tariff Filing. The Company has broken down the overall revenue increase amount into the amount for January through February 2002 of \$66,408,000 for an increase of 8.4%, and the amount for March through October 2002 of \$104,319,000 for an increase of 13.2%. The total amount requested is \$170,727,000, but the overall percentage increase is not indicated in the advice letter. It appears that the overall increase requested is 21.66% (8.4% + 13.2%).

- 1.1. Please provide the underlying calculations showing how the above percentages of 8.4% and 13.2%, referenced in the Company's advice letter, were mathematically derived.
- 1.2. Please confirm that the overall percentage increase that results from the proposed surcharge of 1.4568 cents/kWh is 21.66% or, if that is not correct, please state the correct percentage increase.
- 1.3. Please explain how the overall percentage increase was calculated.
- 1.4. Please explain why the Company has broken the amounts down into the two periods (*i.e.*, January through February 2002, and March through October 2002).

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Moss
Administrative Law Judge

