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NOTICE REVISING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy*,
Docket PG-160924

TO ALL PARTIES:

On March 9, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) initiated a complaint against Puget Sound Energy (PSE) as a result of Commission regulatory staff's (Staff) investigation into a natural gas explosion that occurred in the vicinity of 8411 Greenwood Ave. N, Seattle, Washington. On November 2, 2016, the Commission entered a Prehearing Conference Order establishing a procedural schedule which included, among other things, an evidentiary hearing beginning on April 19, 2017.

On January 11, 2017, parties to this docket (Staff, PSE, and Public Counsel) filed with Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an Agreed Request for Continuance, to allow the parties time to continue settlement discussions. The parties proposed a revised procedural schedule, as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Revised Date</u>
Second Settlement Conference (parties only)	January 25, 2017
Staff Initial Testimony	March 30, 2017
PSE and Public Counsel Response Testimony and Exhibits	May 2, 2017
Staff Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits; PSE/Public Counsel Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits	May 30, 2017
Discovery Cut-Off	June 14, 2017
Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witness Lists, and Time Estimates	June 27, 2017

Evidentiary Hearing

July 6-7, 2017

Simultaneous Post-Hearing Briefs

August 14, 2017

Based on the parties' agreement, and in the interest of encouraging the parties to come to a settlement, the Commission finds good cause to revise the procedural schedule. The Commission, however, is concerned with the extent of the requested extension of the hearing dates. We nevertheless grant the parties' request with the expectation that the parties will present any settlement as soon as they have reached agreement to enable the Commission to resolve the proceeding more expeditiously than this schedule contemplates.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in Docket PG-160924 is revised as described above.

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge