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September 4, 2014

**NOTICE RESCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
(Rescheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.)**

Re: *In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy and NW Energy Coalition For an Order Authorizing PSE to Implement Electric and Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanisms and to Record Accounting Entries Associated with the Mechanisms, Dockets UE-121697 and UG-121705 (Consolidated)*

*Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy, Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138 (Consolidated)*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On July 25, 2014, the Thurston County Superior Court (Court) reversed in part Order 07 that was entered in these dockets on June 25, 2013, as the Final Order of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission).<sup>1</sup> The Court concluded that “the Commission’s findings of fact with respect to the return on equity component of Puget Sound Energy, Inc.’s cost of capital in the context of a multi-year rate plan are unsupported by substantial evidence and the Commission improperly shifted the burden of proof on this issue from Puget Sound Energy, Inc. to the other parties in the proceeding below, contrary to RCW 34.05.461(4) and RCW 80.04.130(4).”<sup>2</sup> The Court remanded the case to the Commission “to establish fair, just, reasonable and sufficient rates to be charged under the rate plan, and to order any other appropriate relief.”<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities v. Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, et al.*, Thurston County Superior Court Case Nos. 13-2-01576-2 and 13-201582-7 (consolidated), Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Petitions for Judicial Review (July 25, 2014).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 2, lines 18-24.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 3.

On August 5, 2014, the Commission issued a Notice of Prehearing Conference setting a prehearing conference in these matters for Friday, September 19, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Commission reschedules the prehearing conference to September 30, 2014.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the prehearing conference to address the appropriate procedure on remand and to establish an appropriate procedural schedule will now be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, beginning at 1:30 p.m., in Room 206, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

DENNIS J. MOSS  
Administrative Law Judge