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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of )  
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC. )  
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For an Accounting order Approving ) Docket UE-132027  
the Allocation of Proceeds of the )  
Sale of Certain Assets to Public )  
Utility District #1 of Jefferson )  
County )

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Olympia, Washington December 17, 2013

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10:00 a.m.

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JUDGE MOSS: All right. Let's be on the

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record. Good morning. We all know each other, but I'll say

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for the record that I'm Dennis Moss, and I'm the presiding

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administrative law judge in the matter styled Petition of

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Puget Sound Energy Inc. For an Accounting Order Approving

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the Allocation of Proceeds of the Sale of Certain Assets to

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Public Utility District #1 of Jefferson County, Docket No.

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UE-132027.

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This is the first pre-hearing conference for

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the purpose of establishing our schedules, taking

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interventions, and so on and so forth.

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Let's begin with appearances. And we'll

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start with the Company.

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MS. CARSON: Good morning, your Honor.

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Sheree Strom Carson with Perkins Coie, representing Puget

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Sound Energy. Short form is --

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JUDGE MOSS: Short form is fine today.

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MS. CARSON: Thanks.

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MR. SANGER: My name is Irion Sanger. That's

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1 I-R-I-O-N, S-A-N-G-E-R. I'm representing the Industrial  
2 Customers of Northwest Utilities. And I'm with the law firm  
3 of Davison Van Cleve.

4 MS. GAFKEN: My name is Lisa Gafken. I'm an  
5 Assistant Attorney General with the Public Counsel Division  
6 of the Attorney General's Office.

7 JUDGE MOSS: And Mr. Cedarbaum?

8 MR. CEDARBAUM: Robert Cedarbaum, Assistant  
9 Attorney General representing Commission Staff.

10 JUDGE MOSS: Thank you.

11 Is there anyone on the teleconference bridge  
12 line who wishes to enter an appearance? I wasn't expecting  
13 any, and there are apparently none.

14 So we have just one petition to intervene,  
15 Mr. Sanger, and that's yours. I'm not expecting  
16 controversy, but I'll ask if there are any objections?

17 No, there are none. And of course your  
18 organization is well-known to me, so we don't really need to  
19 go through a litany of your substantial interest in the  
20 proceedings and so forth. We'll grant the petition to  
21 intervene.

22 MR. SANGER: Thank you.

23 JUDGE MOSS: I believe that takes care of  
24 that.

25 Now you all sent me a schedule. And subject

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1 to the caveat of which you were all aware of my travel  
2 plans, is it still an acceptable schedule?

3 MS. CARSON: It is acceptable to Puget Sound  
4 Energy.

5 JUDGE MOSS: And Staff has indicated it's  
6 acceptable?

7 MR. SANGER: Yes, your Honor.

8 MS. GAFKEN: It's acceptable to Public  
9 Counsel.

10 JUDGE MOSS: All right. We'll just use that  
11 procedural schedule. I've conveniently already written it  
12 into the order. So that will save me some editing.

13 MR. CEDARBAUM: Your Honor, just to call your  
14 attention?

15 JUDGE MOSS: Yes.

16 MR. CEDARBAUM: I think when you refer to the  
17 schedule, we also had some data request response turnaround  
18 times.

19 JUDGE MOSS: Yes. And I have those noted  
20 here. Let me make sure I've gotten them right. Let's see.

21 The response time currently is seven days; is  
22 that right?

23 MR. CEDARBAUM: Correct.

24 JUDGE MOSS: And that will prevail until  
25 March 28, and then between March 29 and April 22 will be

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1 reduced to six business days, and after April 22 the  
2 response time is reduced to five business days. And we do  
3 have a discovery cutoff of May 8.

4 MR. CEDARBAUM: And we also had agreed to a  
5 ten-page limit to reply briefs.

6 JUDGE MOSS: Okay. And I have that noted as  
7 well.

8 MR CEDARBAUM: Thank you.

9 JUDGE MOSS: I notice you have a settlement  
10 conference scheduled for January 24, 2014. Of course you'll  
11 let me know if there are any changes in that. Those can be  
12 more or less routinely allowed for, but I do like to be kept  
13 informed.

14 I should just review this to make sure I do  
15 have it right.

16 I mentioned the settlement conference;  
17 response testimony, exhibits on March 28; rebuttal and  
18 cross-answering testimony on April 22, which is Earth Day, I  
19 might add.

20 Discovery cutoff date May 8,  
21 cross-examination may 14 -- that's the exhibits, I should  
22 say.

23 Hearing beginning on May 19, and the parties  
24 anticipate no more than two days.

25 Briefs June 10; reply briefs June 17 with a

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1 ten-page limit.

2 I guess I got it right. Okay. Good. And I  
3 do appreciate you all sending me that in advance. It allows  
4 me to get a little ahead of the curve on getting the order  
5 prepared and so forth. So that's all set.

6 We're going to need 12 copies of filings in  
7 this case, I'm told by the records center. We're working  
8 toward the day when we won't need to do that but we're not  
9 there yet. So that's the rule of the case.

10 Discovery, we've already set discovery wheels  
11 in motion. I understand that we may need to amend our  
12 protective order to provide for a highly confidential  
13 provisions, Ms. Carson?

14 MS. CARSON: That's correct, your Honor.  
15 Some of the data requests that we received from Staff are  
16 requesting some power cost information that pulls in  
17 information from the PSM model that gets into resource  
18 acquisition information. That's always highly confidential.

19 JUDGE MOSS: Okay. All right.

20 MS. CARSON: So I wouldn't expect that there  
21 would be much that will be highly confidential, but that  
22 will be.

23 JUDGE MOSS: I understand.

24 Anybody want to comment?

25 MS. GAFKEN: No objection.



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1                   JUDGE MOSS: All right. We'll just crank  
2 that one out of our system and get that today. So you can  
3 be all set.

4                   MS. CARSON: Thank you.

5                   JUDGE MOSS: Let's see. Do we have any other  
6 business?

7                   MR. CEDARBAUM: The world's shortest  
8 pre-hearing conference.

9                   JUDGE MOSS: It's not a record. The record  
10 was about three minutes. But that was pretty darn close.

11                   Thank you all very much. Again, it's your  
12 cooperation and anticipation of our needs that make that  
13 possible. And I appreciate you all being here and look  
14 forward to working with you as we work through the case.

15                   We'll be off the record.

16                   (Whereupon, the proceedings were  
17 concluded at 10:06 a.m.)

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