

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION)	DOCKET NO. UE-011163
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	
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Respondent,)	
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In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET NO. UE-011170
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.)	FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL
)	ORDER; ORDER
for an Order Authorizing Deferral of)	AMENDING PROTECTIVE
Certain Electric Energy Supply Costs.)	ORDER
.....)	

- 1 Puget Sound Energy has petitioned for modification to the protective order in this docket, to satisfy protective conditions imposed as to certain submissions in litigation before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). A protective order entered in the Federal Agency’s matter requires that information relevant to the federal docket be withheld from state proceedings unless it is subject to the terms of a State protective order also limiting its distribution.
- 2 Commission Staff and Public Counsel responded, indicating no objection but stating assumptions regarding the effect of the State protective order and the interplay between the two. Intervenor Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) responded, suggesting modifications to the Company proposal.
- 3 The Commission believes that the additional provisions may be unnecessary, inasmuch as the Commission’s protective order is what it is and says what it says, and it appears to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Order. However, we also see no negative aspect to granting the request and believe that it will hasten the production of relevant data and give parties some assurance that they do in sharing information comply with both Federal and State requirements. We are concerned that the ICNU

modification proposal could engender confusion, and therefore adopt the Company proposal, to which neither Staff nor Public Counsel objected.

4 Therefore, we add the following:

Material and information submitted by Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (“Puget”) to Commission Staff and other parties that Puget identifies as “Protected Materials” pursuant to the Protective Order dated August 7, 2001, in FERC Docket EL00-95 et al., is hereby determined to be protected and shall be considered by this Commission as “Protected Materials” as that term is defined in such order.

Material and information submitted by Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (“Puget”) to Commission Staff and other parties that Puget identifies as “Protected Materials” pursuant to the Protective Order dated August 16, 2001, in FERC Docket EL01-10 et al., is hereby determined to be protected and shall be considered by this Commission as “Protected Materials” as that term is defined in such order.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 25th day of September, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner