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October 8, 2013

**NOTICE OF REVISED DEADLINE TO FILE
ANSWERS TO PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION
(By Friday, November 1, 2013)**

**NOTICE OF REVISED DATE BY WHICH COMMISSION INTENDS TO ACT
(By Monday, December 16, 2013)**

Re: *In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy, Inc. 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, Inc., Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138 (Consolidated)

TO THE PARTIES:

The Commission entered and served in these dockets on June 25, 2013, Order 07, its Final Order in these proceedings that were considered jointly. On July 5, 2013, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU), Kroger Co., on behalf of its Fred Meyer Stores and Quality Food Centers divisions (Kroger), and Nucor Steel Seattle, Inc. (Nucor) filed their respective petitions for reconsideration.

On July 19, 2013, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Answer and Establishing Process Pending Reconsideration and Notice of Commission's Intention to Act (July 19 Notice), requiring answers to the petitions for reconsideration by August 30, 2013, and establishing September 20, 2013, as the date by which the Commission intended to act on the petitions. The July 19 Notice also established procedures to provide an opportunity for the parties to negotiate a resolution of the issues presented in the petitions.

On August 23, 2013, NWIGU, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., Nucor, and Kroger (collectively Movants) filed a Joint Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule (Motion). The Movants stated that they had been engaging in the dialogue the Commission contemplated, and they requested an additional 45 days to undertake the analysis of the multiple proposals the parties were considering to develop alternative approaches to achieving the underlying goals and purposes of decoupling for the non-residential classes of customers. The Commission granted the Motion by Notice served on August 29, 2013.

On October 8, 2013, Kroger, Commission Staff, NWIGU, Puget Sound Energy, Nucor, and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (collectively Joint Movants) filed a joint Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule (Second Motion). The Joint Movants state that they have met several times to discuss non-residential decoupling, and as a result, substantial progress has been made toward reaching an agreement in principle. The Joint Movants request additional time to continue their meaningful dialogue and to have the Commission extend the procedural schedule to November 1, 2013, for parties to file answers to the petitions for reconsideration. The Joint Movants represent that the other parties either support or do not oppose the requested extension.

The July 19 Notice provided that the Commission may alter the dates established, if appropriate, to allow additional time for collaborative efforts. The parties represent that they are making progress in their collaborative efforts, which the Commission wishes to encourage. Accordingly, the Commission extends the deadline for filing answers to the petitions and the date by which the Commission intends to act on those petitions, as requested in the Motion. The Commission continues to expect the parties to keep it apprised of their progress.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That answers to the pending petitions for reconsideration in this matter must be filed no later than November 1, 2013.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That, considering conflicts in the commissioners calendars in November, it intends to take final action with respect to the pending petitions for reconsideration no later than December 16, 2013, unless such date is revised by further notice in light of developments subsequent to the date of this order and notice.

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge