

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET UE-121373
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,	)	
	)	
For Approval of a Power Purchase	)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
Agreement for Acquisition of Coal	)	CONFERENCE
Transition Power, as Defined in RCW	)	<b>(Set for September 7, 2012,</b>
80.80.010, and the Recovery of Related	)	<b>at 10:00 a.m.)</b>
Acquisition Costs	)	
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- 1 On August 20, 2012, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement for Acquisition of Coal Transition Power, as Defined in RCW 80.80.010, and the Recovery of Related Acquisition Costs (Petition). PSE requests that the Commission issue an order approving the Coal Transition Power Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between TransAlta Centralia Generation LLC and PSE. In conjunction with the Petition, PSE filed a Motion to Expedite Consideration of the Petition and a Motion for Amended Protective Order with Highly Confidential Provisions (collectively Motions).
  
- 2 On August 24, 2012, the Commission issued a notice stating that it will address the Motions in this matter at the prehearing conference and that the Commission will establish the date(s) by which responses to the Motions must be filed.
  
- 3 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of electric utilities. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, and RCW 80.28, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, RCW 80.04.570, RCW 80.28.020, RCW 80.28.030, RCW 80.28.070, RCW 80.28.090, and RCW 80.28.100. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-100, relating to electric companies.

4 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

5 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. *See* WAC 480-07-440(1)(a).

6 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 10:00 a.m., on September 7, 2012, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.** Parties are strongly encouraged to attend the prehearing conference in person, but may participate, if necessary, via the Commission's teleconference bridge (**360-664-3846**). If you appear via teleconference bridge, you must call in five minutes before the time that the conference is scheduled to begin.

7 **THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That parties who wish to respond to PSE's Motions must do so by 3:00 p.m., September 5, 2012, for consideration at the September 7, 2012, prehearing conference.**

8 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence and workpapers, to address the Motions filed by PSE, and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430. **Parties should be prepared to identify any issues they expect to be contested in the proceeding.**

9 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place

for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

10 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

11 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 12 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 13 The Attorney General has designated Simon J. ffitc of the Office of the Public Counsel to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 14 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 27, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: David W. Danner, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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