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April 30, 2020

NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

and

NOTICE REQUIRING FILING OF SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS
(By May 22, 2020)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy,*
Docket UG-200112

TO ALL PARTIES:

On February 19, 2020, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2 for natural gas service. The revised tariff would discontinue PSE's Water Heater Rental Service. Also on February 19, 2020, PSE filed an application (Application) seeking a Commission determination that its Water Heater Rental Service and associated assets are no longer necessary or useful, per Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-143-180(2), or, in the alternative, Commission authorization for the sale of the Water Heater Rental Service to Grand HVAC Leasing USA LLC (GHL).

On March 16, 2020, the Commission entered its Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing, which established a procedural schedule that includes, among other things, an evidentiary hearing set for July 15, 2020.

On April 29, 2020, counsel for Commission staff (Staff) contacted the presiding officers on behalf of the parties to inform the Commission that two of the parties (the Settling Parties) have reached a settlement in principle, and intend to file a settlement agreement and testimony in support thereof by May 22, 2020. Counsel for Staff further represented that it is possible that the remaining party will join in the settlement. The Settling Parties request that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule to afford them time to memorialize the settlement, and suggest

that, due to the disruptions created by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the limited number of issues in this docket, the Commission decide the matter on a paper record.

The Commission finds good cause to suspend the procedural schedule, but preserves the hearing date of July 15, 2020, due to the possibility that one party may not join the settlement. The Settling Parties must file a settlement agreement and supporting documentation by May 22, 2020. At that time, the Commission will determine what additional process is necessary in light of the parties' respective positions.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in this matter is suspended with the exception of the July 15, 2020, evidentiary hearing date.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the Settling Parties must file a settlement agreement and supporting documentation no later than May 22, 2020.

/s/ Rayne Pearson
RAYNE PEARSON

Administrative Law Judge