

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

DOCKET UE-130583

For an Accounting Order Authorizing
Accounting Treatment Related to
Payments for Major Maintenance
Activities

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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION,
DOCKET UE-130617

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

DOCKET UE-131099

Respondent.

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In the Matter of the Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, Inc.

DOCKET UE-131230

For an Order Authorizing the Sale of
the Water Rights and Associated
Assets of the Electron Hydroelectric
Project in Accordance with WAC 480-
143 and RCW 80.12

JOINT MOTION FOR
MODIFICATION OF SCHEDULE IN
ORDER 06

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In the Matter of the Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

For an Order Authorizing the Sale of
Interests in the Development Assets
Required for the Construction and
Operation of Phase II of the Lower
Snake River Wind Facility

I. MOTION

1. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-385, Puget Sound Energy (PSE), Public Counsel, Commission Staff, and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) (hereafter Joint Parties) move the Commission for a modification of Order 06 (Appendix A, Settlement Stipulation, ¶ 25) in this docket, as follows: The July 1, 2014, deadline for PSE to initiate a separate docket to address Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) and Power Cost Only Rate Case (PCORC) related issues, which was extended to October 1, 2014, would be further extended until January 12, 2015, to allow the Joint Parties additional time to work towards agreement on potential revisions to PSE's PCA mechanism. The Joint Parties are the four signatories to the referenced Settlement Stipulation.

II. BACKGROUND

2. On September 13, 2013, the Joint Parties entered into a Settlement Stipulation in PSE's 2013 PCORC filing in which they agreed to participate in a collaborative process to address PCA and PCORC-related issues. The Settlement Stipulation was ultimately approved by the Commission and incorporated by reference in Order 06.¹ The Settlement Stipulation provided, in pertinent part: "If the Parties reach agreement in the collaborative, that agreement can be implemented in PSE's next PCORC, subject to Commission approval. If the Parties do not reach agreement, PSE agrees to initiate a docket no later than July 1, 2014, to address PCA and PCORC-related issues."²

¹The 2013 PCORC Final Order Approving and Adopting Settlement Agreement resolved four consolidated dockets, as follows: UE-030617, Order 06 (primary PCORC docket); UE-130583, Order 02 (Mint Farm); UE-131099, Order 02 (Electron); and UE-131230, Order 02 (LSR II). For simplicity, the Joint Motion refers to Order 06 in the primary PCORC Docket, UE-130617.

² Order 06, Settlement Stipulation, ¶ 25.

3. As provided in the Settlement Stipulation, beginning in November 2013, the Joint Parties conducted a series of regular collaborative meetings in Seattle and Olympia. PSE provided information in response to informal Data Requests from parties. On May 15, 2014, Public Counsel presented a proposal for consideration recommending certain modifications to the PCA mechanism. Other parties expressed sufficient interest in the proposal such that additional time for further analysis and consideration was determined to be useful. In order to allow time for this review, the Joint Parties agreed to request a 90-day extension of the July 1, 2014, deadline for PSE to file the separate PCA/PCORC review docket.³ As part of the agreement, PSE committed to perform its own analysis of the Public Counsel proposal and to notify all parties by August 15, 2014, if it was open to further exploration of the proposal. Commission Staff also committed to undertake an initial analysis of the proposal by August 15, 2014. The Commission granted the Joint Motion For Modification of Schedule on June 13, 2014.

4. PSE notified the parties on August 15, 2014 that it was open to further exploration of the Public Counsel proposal. Commission Staff also undertook an analysis of the proposal by August 15, 2014. The Joint Parties agreed to move forward with additional exploration and discussion of the proposal, and have met twice to discuss the Public Counsel proposal and PSE's response. The Joint Parties need additional time to meet and work towards reaching agreement on terms that are acceptable to all parties. The extension of time to October 1, 2014, granted by the Commission on June 13, 2014, will not provide sufficient time for the Joint Parties to meet and continue discussion of the proposal. Accordingly, the Joint Parties request a further extension from October 1, 2014, to January 12, 2015. If agreement is not reached on PCA

³ ICNU neither joined nor opposed this initial extension request.
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revisions, PSE will make a filing on January 12, 2015, that would include testimony describing and supporting the existing PCA and PCORC, or proposing its own preferred changes.


5. For the foregoing reasons, the Joint Parties believe that the requested extension is in the public interest and will not prejudice any party or the Commission. The Joint Parties respectfully request that the extension to January 12, 2015 be granted.

6. DATED this 29th day of September, 2014.

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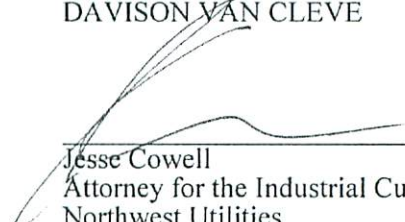

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