

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UE-130583 (<i>Consolidated</i>)
)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY)	ORDER 05
)	
For an Accounting Order Authorizing)	
Accounting Treatment Related to)	
Payments for Major Maintenance)	
Activities)	
.....)	
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UE-130617 (<i>Consolidated</i>)
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 09
Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY)	
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Respondent.)	
.....)	
In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UE-131099 (<i>Consolidated</i>)
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY)	ORDER 05
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For an Accounting Order Authorizing)	
Accounting the Sale of the Water)	
Rights and Associated Assets of the)	
Electron Hydroelectric Project in)	
Accordance with WAC 480-143 and)	
RCW 80.12.)	
.....)	
In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UE-131230 (<i>Consolidated</i>)
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY)	ORDER 05
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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)	
.....)	

**ORDER GRANTING SECOND JOINT MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OF
SCHEDULE IN ORDER 06**

- 1 **Background.** On October 23, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered a final order approving and adopting a settlement stipulation in Dockets UE-130583, UE-130617, UE-131099, and UE-131230 (Order 06).¹ Among other things, Order 06 approved the settlement provision initiating a collaborative process to examine the power cost adjustment (PCA) mechanism and power cost only rate case (PCORC) related issues. Further, if the collaborative parties were unable to reach agreement by July 1, 2014, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) would initiate a docket to address these issues. On June 13, 2014, the Commission extended the July 1, 2014, deadline until October 1, 2014.
- 2 **MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OF SCHEDULE.** On September 29, 2014, PSE, the Commission’s regulatory staff (Staff), the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), and the Public Counsel Division of the Washington Office of Attorney General (Public Counsel, collectively with PSE, ICNU, and Staff, Joint Parties) filed a second Joint Motion for Modification of Schedule in Order 06 (Second Motion). The Joint Parties state that additional time is necessary “to work towards agreement on potential revisions to PSE’s PCA mechanism.”² They request an extension of the October 1, 2014, deadline to January 12, 2015.³
- 3 If agreement is not reached on PCA revisions, PSE will notify the other parties that it plans to make a January 12, 2015, filing with the Commission, either supporting the existing PCA mechanism and PCORC or proposing its own modifications.⁴

¹ *In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy, Inc., for an Accounting Order Authorizing Accounting Treatment Related to Payments for Major Maintenance Activities*, Docket UE-130583, Order 02; *WUTC, Complainant, v. Puget Sound Energy, Respondent*, Docket UE-130617, Order 06; *In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy, 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*, Docket UE-131099, Order 02; and *In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy, 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*, Docket UE-131230, Order 02, Final Order Approving and Adopting Settlement Agreement (October 23, 2013).

² *Second Motion*, ¶ 2.

³ *Id.*, ¶ 4.

⁴ *Id.*

- 4 **DISCUSSION AND DECISION.** The Commission stated in Order 06 that the issues surrounding the PCA mechanism and the PCORC processes “may be contentious, and it may be difficult for [PSE] and all parties to reach consensus on each power cost issue included in the PCORC.”⁵ The Joint Parties’ request for an extension of time to work toward an agreement on these issues is not unreasonable. The Commission determines that the Second Motion should be granted.

ORDER

- 5 THE COMMISSION ORDERS That the second Joint Motion for Modification of Schedule in Order 06, filed by PSE, Staff, ICNU, and Public Counsel is GRANTED.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 30, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an Interlocutory Order of the Commission. Administrative review may be available through a petition for review, filed within 10 days of the service of this Order pursuant to WAC 480-07-810.

⁵ Order 06, ¶ 44.