

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET NO. PG-041624
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
	)	ORDER NO. 06
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
	)	ORDER MODIFYING
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,	)	SCHEDULE
	)	
Respondent.	)	
	)	
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1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING.** Docket No. PG-014624 is a complaint proceeding initiated by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) against Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE or the company) and an emergency adjudicative proceeding to determine whether to order emergency relief. The complaint arises out of an explosion on September 2, 2004, at the house located at 16645 SE 26<sup>th</sup> Place, Bellevue, Washington where natural gas service was provided by PSE.

2 **APPEARANCES.** James F. Williams, Perkins Coie LLP, Bellevue, Washington, represents PSE. Cheryl A. Zakrzewski, Assistant City Attorney, Bellevue, Washington, represents the City of Bellevue. Donald T. Trotter, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, represents Commission Staff.

3 **REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN SCHEDULE.** On June 15, 2005, Commission Staff filed a motion requesting a prehearing conference to address the schedule of proceedings. Staff stated that PSE had not yet filed certain studies related to the Bellevue explosion, and that Staff needed time to review the studies to prepare direct testimony for its June 28, 2005 filing date.

4 During the prehearing conference, Staff stated that the company had succeeded in filing the studies, but that Staff still needed additional time to review them and to file testimony. Staff proposed a revised schedule, shown in Appendix B, to which the parties agreed.<sup>1</sup> The revised schedule does not require a change in the dates for evidentiary hearing. The proposed schedule is reasonable and the requested change in schedule is granted. The current schedule is vacated to the extent that revised dates have been established.

5 **SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE/SETTLEMENT JUDGE.** The parties agreed to hold a settlement conference on August 22-23, 2005, and requested the Commission assign a settlement judge to the proceeding. The conference will take place in Olympia, as arranged by Commission Staff. Administrative Law Judge C. Robert Wallis will preside at the settlement conference. The parties should notify Judge Wallis of the location and time of the conference as soon as possible.

6 **NOTICE TO PARTIES: Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430 and WAC 480-07-810. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 27th day of June, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

THEODORA M. MACE  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>1</sup> The city of Bellevue stated that it was not certain yet whether it would need more time for filing than proposed by Staff in the revised schedule, but if the city required more time, it would advise the parties and the Commission immediately.

APPENDIX A

PARTIES' REPRESENTATIVES  
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APPENDIX B  
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SCHEDULE OF PROCEEDINGS

EVENT	ORIGINAL DATE	REVISED DATE
Staff Direct testimony	June 28, 2005	July 21, 2005
Company/City Direct testimony	July 27, 2005	(see below)
City Direct testimony		July 21, 2005
Company Response testimony		August 15, 2005
Settlement Conference		August 22-23, 2005
Staff/City Rebuttal	August 24, 2005	September 7, 2005
Prehearing conference	September 13, 2005, 1:30 p.m.	.
Evidentiary hearing (Commissioners presiding)	September 19-21, 2005, 9:30 a.m.	
Initial briefs	October 21, 2005	
Reply briefs	November 4, 2005	