

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET UG-151663
	)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY	)	ORDER 05
	)	
for (i) Approval of a Special Contract for	)	GRANTING MOTION TO REVISE
Liquefied Natural Gas Fuel Service with	)	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Inc. and	)	
(ii) a Declaratory Order Approving the	)	<b>(Supplemental Briefs Due</b>
Methodology for Allocating Costs	)	<b>January 29, 2016)</b>
Between Regulated and Non-regulated	)	
Liquefied Natural Gas Services	)	<b>(Reply Briefs Due</b>
	)	<b>February 16, 2016)</b>
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	)	<b>(Oral Argument Set for</b>
.....	)	<b>March 9, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.)</b>

**MEMORANDUM**

- 1 The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 04 in this proceeding on December 18, 2015. Order 04, among other things, established dates for supplemental briefs to be filed and for oral argument. On January 8, 2016, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) filed an “Agreed Motion for Extension of Time.” By its motion, PSE proposes to extend the date for filing supplemental briefs from January 15, 2016 to January 29, 2016. In addition, PSE proposes to allow an opportunity for parties to file reply briefs on February 15, 2016,<sup>1</sup> and to reschedule the oral argument previously set for January 29, 2016. PSE represents in its motion that all parties agree to its proposal.
  
- 2 The Commission grants timely requests for continuance to which all parties agree unless inconsistent with the public interest or the Commission’s administrative needs. In addition, the Commission grants procedural motions when supported by good cause. Both conditions are present in this instance. As the Commission discussed in Order 04:

We conclude that the legislative finding in RCW 80.28.280 that the development of liquefied natural gas vessel refueling facilities is in the public interest requires that we take our inquiry further. In addition, we recognize that while the Commission’s core function in regulating gas and electric companies is as an economic regulator, we also have a

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<sup>1</sup> February 15 is a Federal and State holiday.

responsibility to consider externalities, including environmental costs and benefits, affected by our decisions. In this connection, we are confident there are environmental benefits to having LNG marine fueling facilities available and wish to encourage their development within the scope of our authority.<sup>2</sup>

Providing the parties additional time and opportunity for briefing, with a corresponding adjustment to the date for oral argument will promote fuller development of the record than might otherwise be the case. We accordingly determine we should grant PSE's motion.

**NOTICE**

3 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the date by which parties may file supplemental briefs to address whether there may be alternative business models with structures that would fall under the Commission's jurisdiction is continued until January 29, 2016.**

4 **THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That parties may file reply briefs no later than February 16, 2016.**

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That it will conduct hearing proceedings on March 9, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room 206 to hear oral argument on the subject of jurisdiction and to discuss with the parties additional subjects as previously outlined in Order 04.**

**ORDER**

6 **THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT the Agreed Motion for Extension of Time filed by Puget Sound Energy on January 8, 2016, is GRANTED.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 11, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS  
Senior Review Judge

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<sup>2</sup> Order 04 ¶ 29.