

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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July 14, 2016

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO
STAFF MOTION FOR SUMMARY DETERMINATION**(Responses Due by Friday, July 22, 2016)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy*,

Dockets UE-151871 and UG-151872 *(Consolidated)*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On September 18, 2015, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to the Company’s currently effective tariffs WN U-60 schedule 75 and WN U-2 schedule 175 to offer electric and natural gas equipment lease service to its customers. On November 13, 2015, the Commission entered Order 01, Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions, suspending PSE’s filing for investigation and possible adjudication.

On January 7, 2016, the Commission entered Order 02, Prehearing Conference Order, which established a procedural schedule including, but not limited to, an evidentiary hearing before the administrative law judge on June 22-23, 2016. The Commission subsequently revised the procedural schedule to have the Commissioners preside at evidentiary hearings rescheduled for August 1 and 3, 2016.

On July 13, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) filed a Motion for Summary Determination (Motion). Staff acknowledges that it did not file the Motion at least 30 days prior to the hearing as required under WAC 480-07-380(2)(b), but requests that the Commission modify the application of that rule to consider the Motion. Staff contends that the Motion is based on extensive new terms PSE included in the rebuttal testimony it filed on July 1, 2016, which did not allow for sufficient time to file a dispositive motion within the time period the rule requires. In addition, Staff claims that summary determination of this proceeding would conserve party and Commission resources that would be needlessly expended if the Commission conducts evidentiary hearings.

The Commission finds that requiring responses from the other parties prior to the hearings will better enable the Commission to determine whether to accept and render a decision on the Motion. Accordingly, the Commission finds good cause to shorten the time to respond specified in WAC 480-07-380(2)(c).

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That responses to Staff’s Motion for Summary Determination are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22, 2016.**

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge

### REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

**DOCKETS UE-151871 & UG-151872 *(Consolidated)***

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| **EVENT** | **DATE** |
| Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenor Response Testimony and Exhibits | June 7, 2016[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| Company Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits; Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits | July 1, 2016[[2]](#footnote-2) |
| Discovery Cut-off | July 18, 2016 |
| Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witness Lists, and Time Estimates | July 26, 2016 |
| Evidentiary Hearings | August 1, 2016, and August 3, 2016, if necessary |
| Initial Briefs | August 26, 2016 |
| Reply Briefs | September 9, 2016 |
| Suspension Date | November 16, 2016 |

1. Response time to data requests will be 7 business days after this date. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Response time to data requests will be 5 business days after this date. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)