

MINUTES

Thursday, October 15, 2020

9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: David Danner, Chairman
Jay Balasbas, Commissioner
Ann Rendahl, Commissioner

The regular virtual meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 15, 2020 by Chairman Danner. Mark Vasconi, Director Regulatory Services, indicated that item F2, Docket UE-200817, Puget Sound Energy, was moved to the discussion portion of the agenda.

E)1. Consent 00:00 mp3

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to approve the consent agenda and directs the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

UTILITIES:

- A)1. 1:31:03 Skype Docket Number U-200281; General Utilities; Response to COVID-19 Pandemic. This is a continuation of Commissioner discussion from the October 6, 2020, Recessed Open Meeting. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Amy Andrews, staff; Lisa Gafken, Public Counsel; Doug Howell, Julian Aris, Sierra Club; Meg O'Hare, consumer; Shawn Collins, Simon ffitich, The Energy Project; Andrea Scott-Murray, consumer; Katrina Pederson, Puget Sound Sage; Mariel Thuraisingham, Front & Centered; Amy Wheelless, Northwest Energy Coalition; Ariel Son, PacifiCorp; Zach Kravitz, Northwest Natural Gas Company; Michael Parvinen, Chris Nicholson, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation; Jon Piliaris, Puget Sound Energy; Patrick Ehrbar, Avista Corporation

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved in docket U-200281 that the commission issue an order reflecting Staff's proposed Covid-19 response term sheet with the following changes:

1. For the good faith issue both in the funding and the disconnection moratorium that we add language under 4B suggesting that communication plans should be developed in consultation with low-income advisory groups and community

based organizations with the intent to provide widely-broadcasted communication with consumers.

2. On the issue of data, that we include the request from the joint advocates, both for base-line data and for zip code data, with the understanding that we will work with the companies based on what is available, although most have indicated that it is available.
3. And the last change would be that we not include in the order, but we reflect that we understand staffs' thoughts about the specific bullet points under cost recovery.

Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

Chairman Danner recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Chairman Danner reconvened the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

- A)2. 3:17:16 Skype Docket Number UE-200413; Puget Sound Energy; Draft 2020 Request for Proposals for Demand Response. Request for Proposal

Appearances: Kathi Scanlan, Sally Brown, staff; Max Greene, Katie Ware, Renewable Northwest; Doug Howell, Sierra Club; Don Marsh, Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy; Sidney Villanueva, Swan Lake and Goldendale; Warren Halverson, consumer; Jon Piliaris, Puget Sound Energy

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue orders in Dockets UE-200413 and UE-200414 approving Puget Sound Energy's September 8, 2020, Motion for Withdrawal of its Draft Requests for Proposals, and extend the temporary exemptions granted in Order 03 for supply-side resources and demand response resources to March 31, 2021, subject to the following conditions:

1. Direct Puget Sound Energy to work collaboratively with staff and other stakeholders in the first quarter of 2021, addressing comments submitted in these dockets, particularly the use of an independent evaluator, and revising the RFPs, as appropriate.
2. Direct Puget Sound Energy to submit for approval, in new dockets, proposed all-source and system wide electric demand response program delivery RFPs and accompanying documentation no later than April 1, 2021.

Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)3. 3:17:16 Skype Docket Number UE-200414; Puget Sound Energy; Draft 2020 Request for Proposals for All Generation Sources. Request for Proposal

Appearances: Kathi Scanlan, Sally Brown, staff; Max Greene, Katie Ware, Renewable Northwest; Doug Howell, Sierra Club; Don Marsh, Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy; Sidney Villanueva, Swan Lake and Goldendale; Warren Halverson, consumer; Jon Piliaris, Puget Sound Energy

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Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)4. 20:20 Skype Docket Number UE-200607; Avista Corporation; 2020 Transportation Electrification Plan proposing capital investments in electric vehicle supply equipment of \$51.5 million by 2030. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Andrew Rector, staff; Randell Farley, Avista Corporation; Annabelle Drayton, Northwest Energy Coalition; Phil Jones, Alliance for Transportation Electrification

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to direct the secretary to issue a letter acknowledging the 2020 Avista Transportation Electrification Plan, pursuant to RCW 80.28.365. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A5). F2). 2:23 Skype Docket Number UE-200817; Puget Sound Energy; Revises Tariff WN U-60, Schedule 139 - Resource Option Charges, also known as Green Direct, in accordance with the guidelines for the schedule set forth in the

Commission's July 8, 2020, Final Order 08 in consolidated Dockets UE-190529 and UG-190530.

Appearances: Kyle Frankiewich, staff; Susan Free, Puget Sound Energy

The Commissioner's took no action, thereby allowing the tariff revisions filed by Puget Sound Energy, on September 17, 2020, to become effective October 17, 2020, by operation of law.

TRANSPORTATION: No Transportation items for this agenda.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Attested by _____
Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director