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**NOTICE EXTENDING DEADLINE TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS RELATED TO
PUGET SOUND ENERGY'S EFFECTIVE LOAD CARRYING CAPABILITY
ESTIMATES AND USE IN THE COMPANY'S ALL-SOURCE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(By 5 p.m., Friday, October 22, 2021)**

Re: Puget Sound Energy's All-Source Request for Proposals for Renewable and Peak Capacity Resources, Docket UE-210220

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On June 14, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01 in the above-referenced docket, which approved the revised draft all-source request for proposals filed by Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) subject to conditions (Order 01). On August 31, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments (Notice) consistent with the requirements set forth in Order 01. The Notice provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on topics related to PSE's effective load carrying capability (ELCC) estimates and their use in ranking and bid evaluation for PSE's 2021 All-Source Request for Proposals for Renewable and Peak Capacity Resources (All-source RFP).

BACKGROUND

Order 01 imposed three conditions that created a process for additional review of PSE's ELCC estimates and methodology.¹ As part of that process, PSE filed workshop materials and an ELCC primer in this docket on August 25, 2021, and hosted a workshop focused on the Company's ELCC inputs, assumptions, and methodology on August 31, 2021. At the workshop, consulting firm Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc., (E3) presented its assessment of PSE's ELCC methodology. E3's review was not yet complete at that time.

¹ See *In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy*, Docket UE-210220, Order 01 at ¶ 33 (June 14, 2021). The Commission also required that PSE alter its draft All-Source RFP to "remove the provision requiring a cost adder for a rate of return for PPAs during the RFP evaluation process." *Id.* at ¶ 22.

The Commission's August 31, 2021, Notice established a September 30, 2021, deadline for filing public comments. PSE recently informed the Commission, however, that E3 is finalizing its report reviewing PSE's ELCC methodology. PSE estimates that the E3 report will be completed and made available to the public on its RFP website by October 8, 2021. Given the timing of E3's report, PSE has requested that the Commission extend the comment deadline to mid-to-late October to give stakeholders an opportunity to review the report prior to submitting comments.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission anticipates that interested persons will benefit from access to the E3 report to inform their written comments. In light of these developments, the Commission extends the deadline to submit written comments until **5 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2021**. The Commission solicits comments on PSE's ELCC methodology, inputs, assumptions and use of stochastic analytical methods. The Commission also welcomes comments on PSE's use and consideration of the ELCC metric in its Phase 2 bid evaluation.

Condition 3 in Order 01 requires PSE to respond to comments filed pursuant to this notice within six weeks of the revised deadline, on Friday, December 3, 2021.

The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. Comments may be submitted via the Commission's web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov. Please include the following details:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UE-210220).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

Comments should be in .pdf format (created using Adobe Acrobat or comparable software) or in Microsoft Word. The Commission will post on its website all comments it receives in electronic format. The website is located at www.utc.wa.gov. Documents are generally posted within 24 hours of receipt. ***Please refer to Docket UE-210220 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list.*** Questions for Commission staff may be directed to Kyle Frankiewicz by email at kyle.frankiewicz@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1316.

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