

August 16, 2022

Filed via Web Portal

Amanda Maxwell
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Docket UE-210220 Informational Filing—2022 Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC) Updates

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

On June 14, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01 in the above-referenced docket, in which the Commission approved Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) revised 2021 Draft All-Source Request for Proposals for Renewable and Peak Capacity Resources (2021 All-Source RFP), subject to conditions.¹ PSE is submitting this letter to inform interested stakeholders about the opportunity to attend an upcoming meeting on August 24, 2022 to learn about recent updates related to PSE's effective load carrying capability (ELCC) methodology. Following the August 24th meeting, PSE also plans to submit a brief informational filing in Docket UE-210220, consistent with condition three of the Commission's order approving PSE's 2021 All-Source RFP.

Condition three in Order 01 required PSE to file a response to the public comments submitted concerning PSE's effective load carrying capability (ELCC) methodology and estimates, and the use of ELCCs in ranking and bid evaluation for PSE's 2021 All-Source RFP. In an effort to provide greater transparency and to ensure that PSE's methodology for calculating ELCC values is rigorous and accurate, PSE hired a consultant, Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc. (E3), to review its methodology for reasonableness and provide recommendations for improvements. E3 presented its initial findings and recommendations at an ELCC Workshop on August 31, 2021 and thereafter produced a final report, which was posted to PSE's RFP web site (www.pse.com/rfp) upon completion on October 8, 2021.

¹ *In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy for an Order Approving Proposed Request for Proposals*, Order 01 (Approving Revised Draft All-Source Request for Proposals Subject to Conditions), Docket UE-210220 (June 14, 2021).

As outlined in PSE's December 2021 response to comments in the Commission's RFP docket, since then PSE has worked closely with E3 to implement recommended updates for Phase 2 of the 2021 All-Source RFP and the 2023 Electric IRP progress report. The results of PSE's and E3's modeling updates and work will be presented in an upcoming PSE Integrated Resource Plan Resource Adequacy Information Session on August 24, 2022. In addition to providing the results of these modeling updates, the informational session will include a presentation on the Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) by the Western Power Pool and a presentation on the Northwest Regional Forecast by the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee (PNUCC).

Details for participating in the August 24th meeting, as well as meeting materials, can be found on [PSE's IRP website](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Zoom meeting. If you experience technical difficulties, please email cwendle@triangleassociates.com.

Questions regarding this informational filing should be directed to Sheri Maynard, Business Initiatives and Sr. Commercial Development Manager, at sheri.maynard@pse.com or (425) 462-3114. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 456-2142.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jon Piliaris

Jon Piliaris
Director, Regulatory Affairs
Puget Sound Energy
PO Box 97034, EST07W
Bellevue, WA 98009-9734
(425) 456-2142
Jon.Piliaris@pse.com

cc: Lisa Gafken, Public Counsel
Sheree Strom Carson, Perkins Coie