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In Reply Refer To:
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.
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Reference: Order No. 764 Compliance Filing

Dear Mr. Bachman:

1. On November 12, 2013, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (Puget) submitted a filing to amend certain portions of its Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) to comply with Order No. 764.¹ As discussed below, we accept for filing the proposed tariff amendments, effective November 12, 2013, as requested.

2. On June 22, 2012, the Commission issued Order No. 764, which requires each public utility transmission provider to: (1) offer intra-hourly transmission scheduling at 15-minute intervals; and (2) incorporate provisions into the *pro forma* Large Generator Interconnection Agreement (LGIA) requiring interconnection customers whose generating facilities are variable energy resources (VER) to provide meteorological and forced outage data to the public utility transmission provider for the purpose of power production forecasting. The Commission set forth in Appendix B of Order No. 764, the

¹ *Integration of Variable Energy Resources*, Order No. 764, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,331, *order on reh'g clarification*, Order No. 764-A, 141 FERC ¶ 61,232 (2012), *order on clarification and reh'g*, Order No. 764-B, 144 FERC ¶ 61,222 (2013).

specific OATT and LGIA modifications it required transmission providers to make to their tariffs. The compliance deadline to make these modifications was extended to November 12, 2013 in Order No. 764-A.

3. To comply with the requirements of Order No. 764, Puget is amending Sections 13.8 and 14.3 of its OATT to adopt the *pro forma* language provided in Order No. 764. Puget is also revising the Table of Contents, Article 1, and Article 8.4 of its LGIA by adopting the *pro forma* language to comply with the VER language requirements set forth in Order No. 764.

4. In addition to adopting the *pro forma* language, Puget proposes a non-conforming change to both Sections 13.8 and 14.3. Specifically, Puget proposes an additional sentence to both sections to make them read as follows:²

The Transmission Provider will furnish to the Delivering Party's system operator, hour-to-hour and intra-hour schedules equal to those furnished by the Receiving Party (unless reduced for losses) and shall deliver the capacity and energy provided by such schedules; provided, however, that Transmission Customer's ability to schedule intra-hour transactions into, out of, or through-and-out of the Transmission Provider's Control Area may be subject to restrictions on intra-hour scheduling imposed by transmission providers in other Control Areas along the scheduled path.

Puget states this added language is consistent with or superior to the *pro forma* language, because it does not impose an independent limitation on the ability of Puget's transmission customers to utilize 15-minute scheduling, but rather merely provides notice to transmission customers of a potential impediment to their ability to utilize 15-minute scheduling for transactions along certain transmission paths that include other transmission providers in the region. Puget states that the language is necessary to recognize that not all transmission providers in the Pacific Northwest are required to comply with Order No. 764, because not all such transmission providers are public utilities subject to FERC jurisdiction under Part II of the Federal Power Act.

5. In addition to the above revisions, Puget is also proposing to remove existing language from OATT Sections 13.8 and 14.3 related to intra-hour scheduling being available to the extent it is provided for in a Puget business practice. Puget states that this language is superfluous now that intra-hourly scheduling in 15-minute increments will be expressly provided for under the OATT.

² Puget's additional language is reflected by the language in italics.

6. Notice of Puget's tariff filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 78 Fed. Reg. 70,030 (2013), with interventions and protests due on or before December 3, 2013. None was filed.

7. We find Puget's proposed tariff revisions satisfy the requirements of Order No. 764. In addition, we find the inclusion of additional language in Puget's OATT Sections 13.8 and 14.3 is only informational insofar as it does not impose a limitation of Puget's customers to utilize 15-minute scheduling, and is therefore consistent with the requirements of Order No. 764. We, therefore, accept for filing Puget's proposed tariff revisions, effective November 12, 2013, as requested.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.