



## News Release

### Puget Energy Reports Second Quarter 2005 Earnings; Company's Financial Results on Target

BELLEVUE, Wash., Aug 02, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Puget Energy (NYSE:PSD) today reported second quarter 2005 net income of \$13.9 million, or 14 cents per diluted share.

Puget Energy's core electric and gas utility business, Puget Sound Energy (PSE), reported second quarter 2005 net income of \$12.2 million, or 12 cents per share. PSE's higher sales volumes and an increase in customer rates, effective March 4, 2005, were offset by a one-time true-up of previously reported gas costs as well as higher utility operations, maintenance and depreciation expense. PSE's second quarter 2005 earnings were 15 cents per share excluding the one-time 3 cent true-up of previously reported gas costs. In the second quarter 2004, PSE generated a loss of 10 cents per share as a result of a \$24.5 million or 25 cent per share after-tax regulatory disallowance. PSE's second quarter 2004 earnings were 15 cents per share excluding the 25 cent disallowance.

"The second and third quarters are traditionally lower earnings quarters for us," said Puget Energy Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Stephen P. Reynolds. "I am pleased we continue to meet our financial and operating objectives," added Reynolds. "I am also pleased with the progress on the construction of our Hopkins Ridge wind power generating facility. This plant will provide our customers with environmentally-friendly, low-cost energy by year-end."

Puget Energy reported net income of \$1.9 million or 2 cents per share in the second quarter 2005 for its utility construction services subsidiary, InfrastruX Group (InfrastruX), which has been reflected as discontinued operations.

#### Puget Energy Summary

(in millions except per share data)

|  | Second Quarter ended<br>June 30, |              |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------|
|  | 2005                             | 2004         |
| Revenues                                       | \$ 510.1                         | \$ 423.1     |
| Operating Income                               | 51.9                             | 30.6         |
| Income (loss) from Continuing Operations       | 12.0                             | (9.7)        |
| Income from Discontinued Operations            | 1.9                              | 2.9          |
| Net Income (loss)                              | \$ 13.9                          | \$ (6.8)     |
| Puget Energy earnings (loss) per diluted share | \$ 0.14                          | \$ (0.07)(a) |

(a) Includes a \$0.25 after-tax regulatory disallowance

#### Second Quarter 2005 Summary for Puget Sound Energy (PSE)

PSE's second quarter 2005 net income of \$12.2 million or 12 cents per share was largely the result of:

-- Electric and gas customer growth of 1.9 and 3.2 percent, respectively. As of June 30, 2005, PSE provides service to approximately 1,011,000 electric customers and 682,200 natural gas customers.

-- Higher energy sales volumes resulting from cooler temperatures in the Pacific Northwest during the second quarter 2005 compared to the same period in 2004. However, second quarter 2005 temperatures were warmer than historic averages.

-- A 4.9 percent increase in retail kilowatt-hour sales during the second quarter of 2005 and the impact of a 4.1 percent electric rate increase which took effect on March 4, 2005. Electric margin increased by \$4.9 million, net of adjustments for the regulatory disallowance recorded during the second quarter 2004 related to gas supply costs for the Tenaska generating project.

-- A \$4.0 million increase in gas margin compared to the second quarter 2004 primarily due to a 10 percent rise in therm sales volumes and the impact of a 3.5 percent natural gas rate increase which took effect on March 4, 2005. PSE's second quarter 2005 gas margin was adversely impacted by a one-time true-up of previously reported gas costs for a 31-month period from September 1, 2002 through March 31, 2005. This results in a \$5.0 million decrease in gas margin and a \$3.3 million after-tax charge to net income (3 cents per share) in the second quarter of 2005.

-- An increase in operations and maintenance expense of \$9.9 million primarily resulting from planned maintenance on company-owned energy production facilities and delivery infrastructure.

-- A \$3.1 million increase in PSE's depreciation and amortization expense as a result of investment in utility operations. This trend is likely to continue in 2005 and beyond as PSE invests in energy delivery and generation infrastructure to support service territory growth.

#### Puget Sound Energy Second Quarter 2005 Earnings Reconciliation:

Per Fully Diluted Share  
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|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| PSE Q2 2004 Reported Earnings                             | \$ (0.10) |
| Add: Q2 2004 Regulatory disallowance                      | 0.25      |
| -----   |           |
| PSE Q2 2004 Earnings adjusted for regulatory disallowance | \$0.15    |
| Increase in Electric Margin                               | 0.03      |
| Increase in Gas Margin before one-time PGA adjustment     | 0.06      |
| One-time PGA mechanism adjustment                         | (0.03)    |
| Increase in Utility Operations & Maintenance Expense      | (0.06)    |
| Increase in Depreciation and Amortization Expense         | (0.02)    |
| Other and rounding  | (0.01)    |
| -----   |           |
| PSE Q2 2005 Reported Earnings                             | \$0.12    |
| -----   |           |

#### InfrastruX Group (InfrastruX)

Puget Energy reported second quarter 2005 net income of \$1.9 million or 2 cents per share for its utility construction services subsidiary, InfrastruX. Puget Energy's equity investment in InfrastruX at June 30, 2005 was \$34.3 million.

As disclosed in a Form 8-K filing with the SEC on February 8, 2005, Puget Energy intends to monetize its interest in InfrastruX through a sale in 2005. Puget Energy recorded second quarter 2005 financial results of InfrastruX as discontinued operations.

#### 2005 Outlook

Puget Energy anticipates its 2005 financial results from continuing operations to be within the range of \$1.30 to \$1.40 per share, which is unchanged from previous earnings guidance provided on March 10, 2005 and April 28, 2005.

#### Second Quarter 2005 Earnings Analyst Teleconference

A conference call for analysts to discuss with management the second quarter results and the outlook for future performance is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. EDT (7:00 a.m. PDT), August 3, 2005. The conference call will be broadcast live through a Web cast at [www.pse.com](http://www.pse.com) by accessing the Investors section of the Web site. The Web cast will be archived and available for replay following the live conference call. A recorded replay of the conference call also will be available two hours after completion on August 3 through midnight (EDT) August 17, 2005. To access the recording, dial 1-888-286-8010, and enter the conference I.D. number 42886467.

Puget Energy is an energy services holding company that conducts all of its operations through its subsidiaries, PSE and InfrastruX Group. PSE is a regulated utility company that generates, purchases and sells electricity; and purchases, transports and sells natural gas. The service territory of PSE covers approximately 6,000 square miles, principally in the Puget Sound region of Washington state. InfrastruX specializes in contracting services to other gas and electric utilities primarily in the Midwest, Texas, and the south-central and eastern United States regions.

**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT:** Certain statements contained in this press release are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, among which include Puget Energy's plans with respect to InfrastruX and any proceeds from its possible sale or monetization and Puget Energy's anticipated 2005 financial results, including its earnings guidance. Forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management at the time the statements are made and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect actual results include, among others, governmental policies and regulatory actions, including those of the WUTC, and weather conditions. More information about these and other factors that potentially could affect the company's financial results is included in Puget Energy's and PSE's most recent annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly report on Form 10-Q and in their other public filings filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Except as required by law, Puget Energy and PSE undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

#### PUGET ENERGY -- SUMMARY INCOME STATEMENT

(In thousands, except per-share amounts)

|                          | Unaudited<br>Three months<br>ended 6/30(1) |            | Unaudited<br>Six months<br>ended 6/30 |            |
|--------------------------|--|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
|                          | 2005                                       | 2004       | 2005                                  | 2004       |
| Operating revenues       |  |            |                                       |            |
| Electric                 | \$ 345,420                                 | \$ 303,091 | \$ 765,511                            | \$ 695,587 |
| Gas                      | 162,567                                    | 119,479    | 483,695                               | 395,170    |
| Other                    | 2,127                                      | 553        | 2,561                                 | 1,080      |
| Total operating revenues | 510,114                                    | 423,123    | 1,251,767                             | 1,091,837  |

|  |           |            |           |           |
|--|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Operating expenses   |           |            |           |           |
| Purchased electricity  | 178,943   | 173,847    | 387,122   | 370,214   |
| Electric generation fuel                                     | 12,894    | 21,014     | 33,342    | 35,002    |
| Residential exchange   | (37,105)  | (35,362)   | (92,151)  | (89,785)  |
| Purchased gas  | 98,142    | 63,703     | 299,887   | 226,109   |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on derivative instruments             | (591)     | (2,849)    | (82)      | (2,936)   |
| Utility operations & maintenance                             | 83,132    | 73,201     | 158,654   | 147,056   |
| Other operations & maintenance                               | 558       | 500        | 1,299     | 983       |
| Depreciation & amortization                                  | 59,657    | 56,569     | 117,734   | 112,439   |
| Conservation amortization                                    | 5,951     | 4,809      | 11,113    | 12,999    |
| Taxes other than income taxes                                | 50,521    | 42,550     | 120,221   | 106,774   |
| Income taxes   | 6,093     | (5,434)    | 52,175    | 33,665    |
| Total operating expenses                                     | 458,195   | 392,548    | 1,089,314 | 952,520   |
| Operating income   | 51,919    | 30,575     | 162,453   | 139,317   |
| Other income (deductions):                                   |           |            |           |           |
| Other income   | 1,598     | 1,570      | 2,762     | 1,638     |
| Interest Charges:  |           |            |           |           |
| AFUDC  | 2,041     | 1,079      | 3,503     | 2,157     |
| Interest expense   | (43,568)  | (42,921)   | (84,611)  | (86,042)  |
| Mandatorily redeemable securities interest expense           | (23)      | (23)       | (45)      | (45)      |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations                     | 11,967    | (9,720)    | 84,062    | 57,025    |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax              | 1,928     | 2,940      | 909       | 2,560     |
| Net Income (loss)  | \$ 13,895 | \$ (6,780) | \$ 84,971 | \$ 59,585 |
| Common shares outstanding                                    | 100,157   | 99,371     | 100,058   | 99,271    |
| Diluted shares outstanding                                   | 100,690   | 99,371     | 100,590   | 99,786    |
| Basic earnings per common share from continuing operations   | \$ 0.12   | \$ (0.10)  | \$ 0.84   | \$ 0.57   |
| Basic earnings from discontinued operations                  | 0.02      | 0.03       | 0.01      | 0.03      |
| Basic earnings per common share                              | \$ 0.14   | \$ (0.07)  | \$ 0.85   | \$ 0.60   |
| Diluted earnings per common share from continuing operations | \$ 0.12   | \$ (0.10)  | \$ 0.83   | \$ 0.57   |
| Diluted earnings from discontinued operations                | 0.02      | 0.03       | 0.01      | 0.03      |
| Diluted earnings per common share(2)                         | \$ 0.14   | \$ (0.07)  | \$ 0.84   | \$ 0.60   |

(1) Partial-year results may not accurately predict full-year

performance, as earnings are significantly affected by weather.

- (2) Diluted earnings per common share include the dilutive effect of securities related to employee compensation plans.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY -- UTILITY OPERATING DATA

|  | Three months ended 6/30 |            | Six months ended 6/30 |              |
|--|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|
|  | 2005                    | 2004       | 2005                  | 2004         |
| Energy sales revenues<br>(\$ in thousands;<br>unaudited)     |                         |            |                       |              |
| Electricity  |                         |            |                       |              |
| Residential  | \$ 152,959              | \$ 132,263 | \$ 364,799            | \$ 336,661   |
| Commercial   | 150,043                 | 131,559    | 307,935               | 285,166      |
| Industrial   | 23,156                  | 20,780     | 45,235                | 43,154       |
| Other retail<br>sales,<br>including<br>change in<br>unbilled | (9,627)                 | (3,697)    | (14,394)              | (16,579)     |
| Subtotal,<br>retail sales                                    | 316,531                 | 280,905    | 703,575               | 648,402      |
| Transportation,<br>including<br>change in<br>unbilled        | 2,419                   | 2,361      | 5,087                 | 4,614        |
| Sales to other<br>utilities &<br>marketers                   | 16,870                  | 10,748     | 33,191                | 22,235       |
| Other(1)   | 9,600                   | 9,077      | 23,658                | 20,336       |
| Total<br>electricity<br>sales                                | 345,420                 | 303,091    | 765,511               | 695,587      |
| Gas  |                         |            |                       |              |
| Residential  | 94,744                  | 67,520     | 303,400               | 248,281      |
| Commercial   | 50,378                  | 37,646     | 141,626               | 115,108      |
| Industrial   | 10,033                  | 7,446      | 23,026                | 18,573       |
| Subtotal,<br>retail sales                                    | 155,155                 | 112,612    | 468,052               | 381,962      |
| Transportation   | 3,215                   | 3,115      | 6,612                 | 6,546        |
| Other  | 4,197                   | 3,752      | 9,031                 | 6,662        |
| Total gas<br>sales   | 162,567                 | 119,479    | 483,695               | 395,170      |
| Total energy sales<br>revenues                               | \$ 507,987              | \$ 422,570 | \$ 1,249,206          | \$ 1,090,757 |

Energy sales volumes

(Unaudited)

Electricity (in mWh)

|   |           |           |            |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Residential                               | 2,277,739 | 2,147,955 | 5,558,632  | 5,437,146 |
| Commercial                                | 2,082,006 | 1,973,204 | 4,263,613  | 4,168,494 |
| Industrial                                | 337,971   | 329,598   | 662,140    | 657,623   |
| Other, including<br>change in<br>unbilled | (124,653) | (92,868)  | (280,994)  | (303,378) |
| Subtotal,<br>retail sales                 | 4,573,063 | 4,357,889 | 10,203,391 | 9,959,885 |
| Transportation,                           |           |           |            |           |

|  |            |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| including change in unbilled           | 477,906    | 459,713    | 999,931    | 943,415    |
| Sales to other utilities & marketers   | 447,150    | 281,680    | 792,934    | 551,290    |
|  | -----      | -----      | -----      | -----      |
| Total mWh                              | 5,498,119  | 5,099,282  | 11,996,256 | 11,454,590 |
| Gas (in 000's of therms)               |            |            |            |            |
| Residential                            | 79,991     | 67,976     | 279,042    | 271,725    |
| Commercial                             | 51,220     | 47,941     | 146,461    | 147,682    |
| Industrial                             | 10,934     | 10,087     | 24,845     | 24,936     |
| Transportation                         | 48,438     | 47,415     | 101,563    | 103,596    |
|  | -----      | -----      | -----      | -----      |
| Total gas volumes                      | 190,583    | 173,419    | 551,911    | 547,939    |
|  | -----      | -----      | -----      | -----      |
| Margins(2)(\$ in thousands; unaudited) |            |            |            |            |
| Electric                               | \$ 151,269 | \$ 108,593 | \$ 352,788 | \$ 302,728 |
| Gas                                    | 45,561     | 41,562     | 133,178    | 128,686    |
|  | -----      | -----      | -----      | -----      |
| Customers served(3) (Unaudited)        |            |            |            |            |
| Electricity                            |            |            |            |            |
| Residential                            | 891,632    | 875,587    | 889,798    | 873,498    |
| Commercial                             | 111,646    | 108,934    | 111,227    | 108,519    |
| Industrial                             | 3,912      | 3,999      | 3,920      | 4,011      |
| Other                                  | 2,414      | 2,173      | 2,378      | 2,145      |
| Transportation                         | 17         | 17         | 17         | 17         |
|  | -----      | -----      | -----      | -----      |
| Total electricity customers            | 1,009,621  | 990,710    | 1,007,340  | 988,190    |
| Gas                                    |            |            |            |            |
| Residential                            | 627,657    | 607,725    | 625,702    | 605,714    |
| Commercial                             | 50,612     | 49,455     | 50,528     | 49,391     |
| Industrial                             | 2,693      | 2,724      | 2,699      | 2,732      |
| Transportation                         | 130        | 130        | 130        | 130        |
|  | -----      | -----      | -----      | -----      |
| Total gas customers                    | 681,092    | 660,034    | 679,059    | 657,967    |
|  | -----      | -----      | -----      | -----      |
| Weather (Unaudited)                    |            |            |            |            |
| Actual heating degree days             | 788        | 684        | 2,599      | 2,560      |
| Normal heating degree days(4)          | 888        | 888        | 2,830      | 2,851      |

(1) Includes sales of non-core gas supplies.

(2) Electric margin is electric sales to retail and transportation customers less the cost of generating and purchasing electric energy sold to customers, including transmission costs, to bring electric energy to PSE's service territory. Gas margin is gas sales to retail and transportation customers less the cost of gas purchased, including gas transportation costs, to bring gas to PSE's service territory.

(3) Customers represents average served during the period.

(4) Seattle-Tacoma Airport statistics reported by NOAA which are based on a 30-year average, 1971-2000. Heating degree days measure how far the daily average temperature falls below 65 degrees. Heating degree days in 2004 are adjusted for leap year by adding the February 28th heating degree day amount.

SOURCE: Puget Energy

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