

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF  
RESPONSE TO BENCH REQUEST

DATE PREPARED: March 21, 2008  
DOCKET: PG-060215  
REQUESTER: Bench

WITNESS: Witnesses Listed below  
RESPONDER: Witnesses Listed below  
TELEPHONE: Please contact Donald T.  
Trotter (360-664-1189) or Ms. Sheree  
Carson (425-635-1422)

**BENCH REQUEST NO. 1:**

Please provide a list of all witnesses the parties intend to make available for questions at the settlement hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2008. Please provide a copy of all supporting exhibits the witnesses intend to sponsor.

**JOINT RESPONSE:**

Commission Staff and Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") plan to present the following witnesses on a single panel, unless the Commission determines another procedure is appropriate.

**WITNESS LIST:**

Commission Staff will make available the following witnesses at the settlement hearing, and the following exhibits:

1. Steven King, Director, Safety & Consumer Protection Division  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission

Mr. King can answer questions about the Settlement Agreement, including third party audit issues, and policy issues.

2. Patricia Johnson, Pipeline Inspector  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission

Ms. Johnson can answer questions about the Staff's investigation in this docket.

3. If necessary, other Staff members in attendance will be made available to answer questions Mr. King or Ms. Johnson cannot answer.

PSE will make available the following witnesses at the settlement hearing, and the following exhibits:

1. Susan McLain, Senior Vice President Operations  
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

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Ms. McLain can answer questions about PSE's commitment to service quality and safety; general information about PSE's service provider contracts, including the contract with Pilchuck Contractors, Inc ("Pilchuck"); general information about PSE's gas safety program; PSE's receipt of notification of the violations by WUTC Staff and PSE's subsequent investigation and cooperation with Staff's investigation; corrective action taken by PSE; and the Settlement Agreement, including general information about the third-party audit.

2. Mr. Duane A. Henderson, Director, Operations Services  
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

Mr. Henderson can answer questions about PSE's Gas Pipeline Operating Manual; PSE's audits of Pilchuck's compliance with work performed; Pilchuck's QC Program; PSE's investigation and cooperation with Staff's investigation; corrective action taken by PSE; and the Settlement Agreement.

3. Mr. Michael Hobbs, Director, Compliance and Safety, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., though not designated as a witness, will also be present at the hearing and, if needed, can answer questions about the third-party audit and PSE's quality assurance programs.

**EXHIBIT LIST**

The above witnesses jointly will jointly sponsor the following exhibits:

Exhibit ___ (Joint-1):	Complaint (May 23, 2007)
Exhibit ___ (Joint-2):	First Amended Answer of Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (July 31, 2007)
Exhibit ___ (Joint-3):	Settlement Agreement (March 3, 2008) including Attachment A
Exhibit ___ (Joint-4):	Narrative Supporting Settlement Agreement (March 10, 2008)

Ms. Johnson will sponsor the following exhibit:

Exhibit ___ (PJ-1):	Staff Report of Investigation (March 10, 2007)
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Mr. Henderson will sponsor the following exhibits:

- Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (DAH-1): PSE's Response to WUTC Data Request No. 003  
(July 19, 2007, and as supplemented August 16,  
2007) (without attachments).
- Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (DAH-2): PSE's Response to WUTC Data Request No. 005  
(July 27, 2007) (without attachments).
- Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (DAH-3): PSE's Response to WUTC Data Request No. 007  
(July 19, 2007)
- Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (DAH-4): PSE's Response to WUTC Data Request No. 012  
(July 27, 2007, and as supplemented August 16,  
2007) (without attachments)