WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF

RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

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| DATE PREPARED: March 31, 2016  DOCKET: UE-152253  REQUESTER: Pacific Power & Light |  | WITNESS: Jason Ball  RESPONDER: Jason Ball  TELEPHONE: (360) 664-1279 |

**REQUEST NO. 2:** Refer to Exhibit JLB-1T, Direct Testimony of Jason Ball, page 45, lines 12-15. Please clarify Staff’s recommendation to increase the Company’s annual conservation targets. Does the reference to the current biennium refer to 2016-2017? Accordingly, is the proposed increase of 2.5% applicable to 2016 only?

**RESPONSE:**

1. Does the reference to the current biennium refer to 2016–2017?

Yes.

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The conservation targets are not calculated on a single year basis, so the 2.5 percent increase would apply to the entire 2016–2017 biennium. However, as it will likely be well into 2016 when the decision in this proceeding issues, Staff proposed only a 2.5 percent increase to this biennium. Staff’s proposal represents conceptually the pro rata share for 2017 of a 5 percent increase for the entire conservation biennium, 2016–2017.

Based on Docket UE-152072, the Company’s current conservation target is 87,814 MWh. Staff calculates the new conservation target as 87,814 x 1.025 = 90,009 MWh