BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

Dockets UE-121697 and UG-121705 (*Consolidated*)

Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138 (*Consolidated*)

EXHIBIT NO.___(MPG-36)

BOND YIELD SPREADS

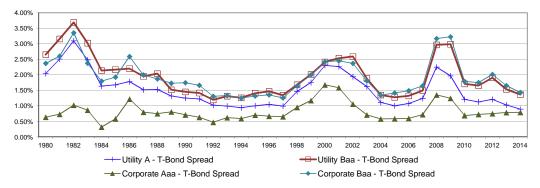
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Puget Sound Energy

Bond Yield Spreads

| | | | Public Utility Bond | | | | Corporate Bond | | | | Utility to Corporate | |
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| | | T-Bond | | | A-T-Bond | Baa-T-Bond | | | Aaa-T-Bond | Baa-T-Bond | Baa | A-Aaa |
| Line | Year | Yield ¹ | <u>A²</u> | Baa ² | Spread | Spread | Aaa ¹ | Baa ¹ | Spread | Spread | Spread | Spread |
| | | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) |
| 1 | 1980 | 11.30% | 13.34% | 13.95% | 2.04% | 2.65% | 11.94% | 13.67% | 0.64% | 2.37% | 0.28% | 1.40% |
| 2 | 1981 | 13.44% | 15.95% | 16.60% | 2.51% | 3.16% | 14.17% | 16.04% | 0.73% | 2.60% | 0.56% | 1.78% |
| 3 | 1982 | 12.76% | 15.86% | 16.45% | 3.10% | 3.69% | 13.79% | 16.11% | 1.03% | 3.35% | 0.34% | 2.07% |
| 4 | 1983 | 11.18% | 13.66% | 14.20% | 2.48% | 3.02% | 12.04% | 13.55% | 0.86% | 2.38% | 0.65% | 1.62% |
| 5 | 1984 | 12.39% | 14.03% | 14.53% | 1.64% | 2.14% | 12.71% | 14.19% | 0.32% | 1.80% | 0.34% | 1.32% |
| 6 | 1985 | 10.79% | 12.47% | 12.96% | 1.68% | 2.17% | 11.37% | 12.72% | 0.58% | 1.93% | 0.24% | 1.10% |
| 7 | 1986 | 7.80% | 9.58% | 10.00% | 1.78% | 2.20% | 9.02% | 10.39% | 1.22% | 2.59% | -0.39% | 0.56% |
| 8 | 1987 | 8.58% | 10.10% | 10.53% | 1.52% | 1.95% | 9.38% | 10.58% | 0.80% | 2.00% | -0.05% | 0.72% |
| 9 | 1988 | 8.96% | 10.49% | 11.00% | 1.53% | 2.04% | 9.71% | 10.83% | 0.75% | 1.87% | 0.17% | 0.78% |
| 10 | 1989 | 8.45% | 9.77% | 9.97% | 1.32% | 1.52% | 9.26% | 10.18% | 0.81% | 1.73% | -0.21% | 0.51% |
| 11 | 1990 | 8.61% | 9.86% | 10.06% | 1.25% | 1.45% | 9.32% | 10.36% | 0.71% | 1.75% | -0.29% | 0.54% |
| 12 | 1991 | 8.14% | 9.36% | 9.55% | 1.22% | 1.41% | 8.77% | 9.80% | 0.63% | 1.67% | -0.25% | 0.59% |
| 13 | 1992 | 7.67% | 8.69% | 8.86% | 1.02% | 1.19% | 8.14% | 8.98% | 0.47% | 1.31% | -0.12% | 0.55% |
| 14 | 1993 | 6.60% | 7.59% | 7.91% | 0.99% | 1.31% | 7.22% | 7.93% | 0.62% | 1.33% | -0.02% | 0.37% |
| 15 | 1994 | 7.37% | 8.31% | 8.63% | 0.94% | 1.26% | 7.96% | 8.62% | 0.59% | 1.25% | 0.01% | 0.35% |
| 16 | 1995 | 6.88% | 7.89% | 8.29% | 1.01% | 1.41% | 7.59% | 8.20% | 0.71% | 1.32% | 0.09% | 0.30% |
| 17 | 1996 | 6.70% | 7.75% | 8.17% | 1.05% | 1.47% | 7.37% | 8.05% | 0.67% | 1.35% | 0.12% | 0.38% |
| 18 | 1997 | 6.61% | 7.60% | 7.95% | 0.99% | 1.34% | 7.26% | 7.86% | 0.66% | 1.26% | 0.09% | 0.34% |
| 19 | 1998 | 5.58% | 7.04% | 7.26% | 1.46% | 1.68% | 6.53% | 7.22% | 0.95% | 1.64% | 0.04% | 0.51% |
| 20 | 1999 | 5.87% | 7.62% | 7.88% | 1.75% | 2.01% | 7.04% | 7.87% | 1.18% | 2.01% | 0.01% | 0.58% |
| 21 | 2000 | 5.94% | 8.24% | 8.36% | 2.30% | 2.42% | 7.62% | 8.36% | 1.68% | 2.42% | -0.01% | 0.62% |
| 22 | 2001 | 5.49% | 7.76% | 8.03% | 2.27% | 2.54% | 7.08% | 7.95% | 1.59% | 2.45% | 0.08% | 0.68% |
| 23 | 2002 | 5.43% | 7.37% | 8.02% | 1.94% | 2.59% | 6.49% | 7.80% | 1.06% | 2.37% | 0.22% | 0.88% |
| 24 | 2003 | 4.96% | 6.58% | 6.84% | 1.62% | 1.89% | 5.67% | 6.77% | 0.71% | 1.81% | 0.08% | 0.91% |
| 25 | 2004 | 5.05% | 6.16% | 6.40% | 1.11% | 1.35% | 5.63% | 6.39% | 0.58% | 1.35% | 0.00% | 0.53% |
| 26 | 2005 | 4.65% | 5.65% | 5.93% | 1.00% | 1.28% | 5.24% | 6.06% | 0.59% | 1.42% | -0.14% | 0.41% |
| 27 | 2006 | 4.99% | 6.07% | 6.32% | 1.08% | 1.32% | 5.59% | 6.48% | 0.60% | 1.49% | -0.16% | 0.48% |
| 28 | 2007 | 4.83% | 6.07% | 6.33% | 1.24% | 1.50% | 5.56% | 6.48% | 0.72% | 1.65% | -0.15% | 0.52% |
| 29 | 2008 | 4.28% | 6.53% | 7.25% | 2.25% | 2.97% | 5.63% | 7.45% | 1.35% | 3.17% | -0.20% | 0.90% |
| 30 | 2009 | 4.07% | 6.04% | 7.06% | 1.97% | 2.99% | 5.31% | 7.30% | 1.24% | 3.23% | -0.24% | 0.72% |
| 31 | 2010 | 4.25% | 5.46% | 5.96% | 1.21% | 1.71% | 4.94% | 6.04% | 0.69% | 1.79% | -0.08% | 0.52% |
| 32 | 2011 | 3.91% | 5.04% | 5.56% | 1.13% | 1.65% | 4.64% | 5.66% | 0.73% | 1.75% | -0.10% | 0.40% |
| 33 | 2012 | 2.92% | 4.13% | 4.83% | 1.21% | 1.91% | 3.67% | 4.94% | 0.75% | 2.01% | -0.11% | 0.46% |
| 34 | 2013 | 3.45% | 4.48% | 4.98% | 1.03% | 1.53% | 4.24% | 5.10% | 0.79% | 1.65% | -0.12% | 0.24% |
| 35 | 2014 ³ | 3.46% | 4.36% | 4.83% | 0.90% | 1.37% | 4.26% | 4.89% | 0.79% | 1.43% | -0.06% | 0.10% |
| 35 | Average | 6.95% | 8.48% | 8.90% | 1.53% | 1.95% | 7.78% | 8.88% | 0.82% | 1.93% | 0.02% | 0.71% |

Yield Spreads Treasury Vs. Corporate & Treasury Vs. Utility



Sources:

² Mergent Public Utility Manual, Mergent Weekly News Reports, 2003. The utility yields

- yields from 2010-2013 were obtained from http://credittrends.moodys.com/.
- ³ The data includes the period Jan Sep 2014.

¹ St. Louis Federal Reserve: Economic Research, http://research.stlouisfed.org/.

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