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Kathy Hunter  
Acting Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

**Re: Docket UE-210878 – Independent Evaluator Report**

Dear Executive Director Hunter:

Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) hereby submits the enclosed final report of Bates White LLC pursuant to WAC 480-107-023(5)(g). Bates White serves as the independent evaluator for PSE’s 2022 Distributed Energy Resources Request for Proposals (“2022 DER RFP”) and is providing this final report following the conclusion of the 2022 DER RFP negotiating and contracting process. The final report provides Bates White’s complete assessment of the 2022 DER RFP process.

Under the provisions of WAC 480-07-160, PSE requests this filing be accorded confidential treatment. Vendor specific information and other commercially sensitive financial data are included in the report. As required by WAC 480-07-160(3)(b)(i), PSE has properly identified all pages containing proprietary information. As required by WAC 480-07-160, PSE identifies itself, its customers, its shareholders, and the vendors identified in the enclosed report as the entities that might be directly affected by disclosure of the confidential information. In accordance with WAC 480-07-160, Bates White’s final report submitted herewith has been marked “SHADED INFORMATION IS DESIGNATED AS CONFIDENTIAL per WAC 480-07-160”. Redacted materials are also attached.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this filing, please contact Kimo Spector, DER Commercial Acquisition Manager, at 425-283-9950 or [Kimo.Spector@pse.com](mailto:Kimo.Spector@pse.com). If you have any other questions, please contact me.

Kathy Hunter, Acting Executive Director and Secretary

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Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Bates White 2022 DER RFP IE Final Report  
Certificate of Service