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Dear Records-

Please include this email and its attachment in the record for Documents for PSE IRP Docket No. UE-160918.

The attachment explains the difference between a WECC Path Rating and a Firm Commitment. These terms have completely different meanings. PSE appears to be treating the WECC Path Rating for "WECC Path 3: Northwest to Canada" as if it were a Firm Commitment in its studies of the transmission needs for the greater Bellevue area. PSE is making a mistake in doing so as explained in the attachment to this email. PSE needs to redo their load flow studies on transmission needs for the greater Bellevue area to remove the requirement that Energize Eastside must help BPA meet WECC Path Ratings for the Northwest to Canada path. As explained in the attachment these path ratings can not be met today under unfavorable conditions (and never were intended to be met) without Energize Eastside. It is inappropriate for PSE to require these WECC Path Ratings to be met under unfavorable conditions [e.g. of (a) heavy winter loads and (b) PSE Puget Sound Area generation being off line] when PSE studies the transmission needs for its greater Bellevue service territory.

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On behalf of a large number of residents in the greater Bellevue area.