

**EXHIBIT NO. ___(DEG-15)
DOCKET NO. UE-060266/UG-060267
2006 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: DONALD E. GAINES**

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

**Docket No. UE-060266
Docket No. UG-060267**

**EIGHTH EXHIBIT (NONCONFIDENTIAL) TO THE
PREFILED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF
DONALD E. GAINES
ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**

AUGUST 23, 2006

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Docket Nos. UE-060266 & UG-060267
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s
2006 General Rate Case**

WUTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 059

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Reference: Valdman Direct at 4:19-5:2

Please define the term "large" used to define "percentage of long-term electric power purchase contracts." Please also provide any comparative studies undertaken by Puget (or others) that show the relative magnitude of the Company's purchased power obligations.

Response:

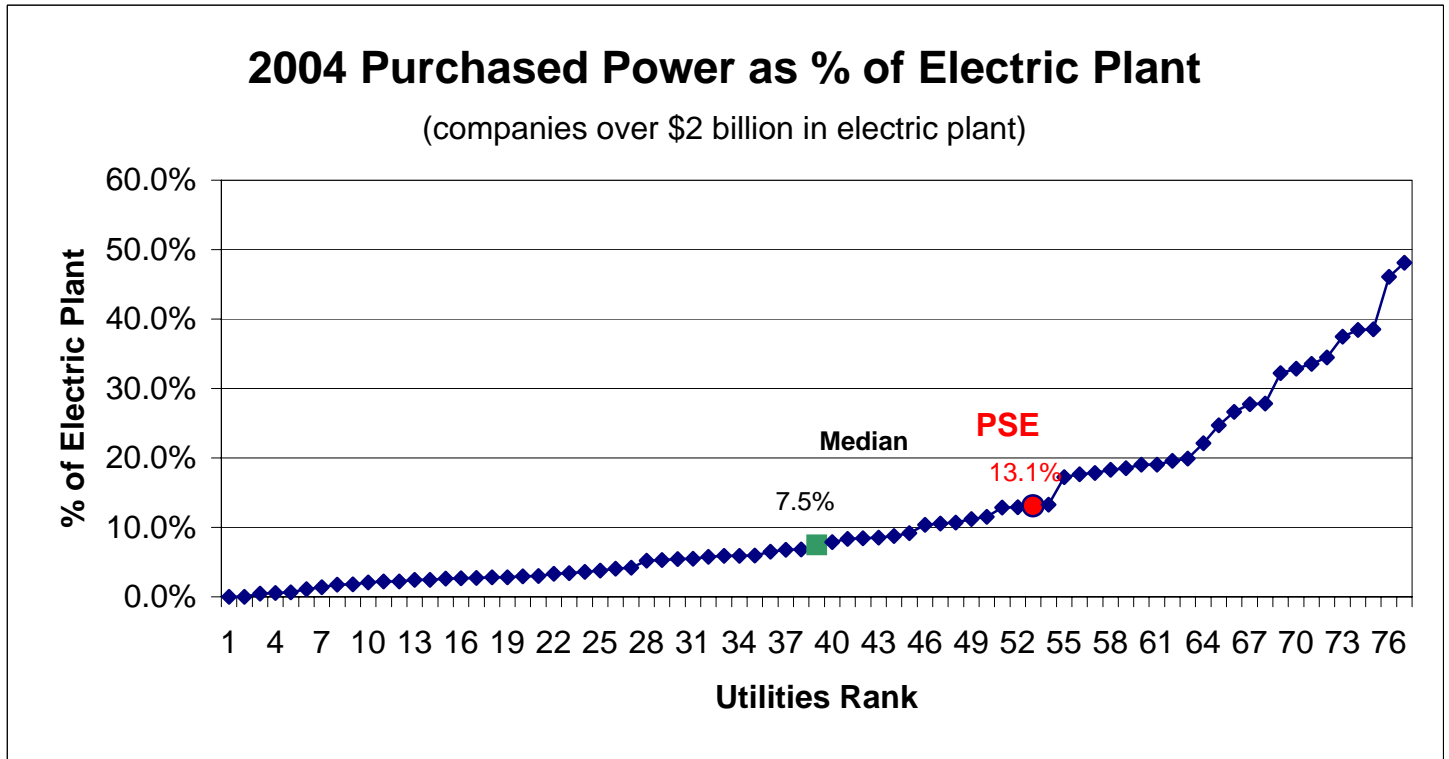
The term "large" is a descriptive term to suggest that a significant portion of Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s ("PSE") power supply comes from that provided under contract.

Attached as Attachment A to PSE's Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 059, please find a study that indicates that PSE's purchased power as a percentage of its electric plant places it well beyond the median of comparison companies.

**Attachment A to PSE's Response to
WUTC Staff Data Request No. 059**

Comparison of Purchased Power Study

Methodology: Rank Purchased Power as a % of Electric Plant amongst similar sized utilities



Data:

Data source: SNL extract 3/6/06 (2004 Data)

CORP:	ELECOP:	ELECOP:	ELECOP:	ELECOP:	Rank	
Period	Company Name	Ult Consumer Electric Customers	Total Plant- Electric \$000	Other Power Purchased Supply-Purch Power/Total Power Electric Plant \$000		
2004 Y	CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric LLC	1,890,322	6,182,170	0	0.0%	1
2004 Y	TXU Electric Delivery Company	2,954,602	9,837,029	0	0.0%	1
2004 Y	Indianapolis Power & Light Company	458,796	3,421,828	15,172	0.4%	3
2004 Y	Duke Energy Corporation	2,196,638	19,668,081	109,706	0.6%	4
2004 Y	Kansas Gas and Electric Company	300,377	3,064,003	19,917	0.7%	5
2004 Y	Kansas City Power & Light	492,500	4,681,971	52,533	1.1%	6
2004 Y	Detroit Edison Company	2,146,636	12,464,272	172,352	1.4%	7
2004 Y	Union Electric Company	1,210,490	10,159,762	175,956	1.7%	8
2004 Y	Southwestern Electric Power Company	442,021	3,608,315	64,575	1.8%	9
2004 Y	Western Resources - KPL	349,689	2,588,649	53,384	2.1%	10
2004 Y	Tucson Electric Power Company	371,547	3,489,506	76,842	2.2%	11
2004 Y	Carolina Power & Light Company	1,339,495	13,521,103	300,735	2.2%	12
2004 Y	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	442,554	4,708,496	114,019	2.4%	13
2004 Y	El Paso Electric Company	328,779	2,739,818	66,451	2.4%	14
2004 Y	Ohio Power Company	706,840	5,824,430	153,584	2.6%	15
2004 Y	PacifiCorp	1,578,247	13,712,694	367,653	2.7%	16
2004 Y	Dayton Power and Light Company	507,757	3,863,486	105,043	2.7%	17
2004 Y	Gulf Power Company	398,199	2,359,697	65,894	2.8%	18
2004 Y	South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.	578,096	6,002,207	168,355	2.8%	19
2004 Y	Louisville Gas and Electric Company	389,196	3,112,956	92,047	3.0%	20
2004 Y	Interstate Power & Light Company	530,060	4,212,800	126,981	3.0%	21
2004 Y	Alabama Power Company	1,379,154	14,571,991	486,807	3.3%	22

2004 Y	PSI Energy, Inc.	747,696	6,386,394	217,930	3.4%	23
2004 Y	Tampa Electric Company	619,535	4,771,247	172,354	3.4%	24
2004 Y	MidAmerican Energy Company	691,916	5,235,536	198,613	3.8%	25
2004 Y	Kentucky Utilities Company	514,638	3,571,166	144,232	4.0%	26
2004 Y	Wisconsin Electric Power Company	1,074,129	5,827,867	243,594	4.2%	27
2004 Y	Florida Power & Light Company	4,224,520	21,688,462	1,125,629	5.2%	28
2004 Y	Georgia Power Company	2,059,962	18,585,024	988,959	5.3%	29
2004 Y	Wisconsin Public Service Corp	417,226	2,053,890	111,298	5.4%	30
2004 Y	AEP Texas Central Company	0	3,867,803	212,444	5.5%	31
2004 Y	Virginia Electric and Power Company	2,245,747	18,220,596	1,052,195	5.8%	32
2004 Y	Indiana Michigan Power Company	576,632	5,265,952	309,464	5.9%	33
2004 Y	Idaho Power Co.	433,465	3,325,270	195,642	5.9%	34
2004 Y	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company	730,694	4,525,462	269,184	5.9%	35
2004 Y	Public Service Company of Oklahoma	507,214	2,825,967	183,326	6.5%	36
2004 Y	Florida Power Corporation	1,548,602	8,391,178	568,665	6.8%	37
2004 Y	San Diego Gas & Electric Co.	1,299,591	5,584,232	381,376	6.8%	38
2004 Y	Appalachian Power Company	930,609	6,099,197	455,386	7.5%	39
2004 Y	Entergy Arkansas, Inc.	667,740	6,140,739	484,849	7.9%	40
2004 Y	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	4,985,189	27,360,812	2,283,061	8.3%	41
2004 Y	Southwestern Public Service Company	402,010	3,275,650	275,669	8.4%	42
2004 Y	Avista Corporation	327,049	2,032,357	172,892	8.5%	43
2004 Y	Northern States Power Company - MN	1,342,231	7,583,662	662,543	8.7%	44
2004 Y	Monongahela Power Company	397,679	2,256,640	207,219	9.2%	45
2004 Y	Aquila, Inc.	449,878	2,214,978	229,259	10.4%	46
2004 Y	Columbus Southern Power Company	703,295	3,522,654	372,325	10.6%	47
2004 Y	Entergy Louisiana Holdings, Inc.	661,820	6,236,739	667,893	10.7%	48
2004 Y	Wisconsin Power and Light Company	431,669	2,109,793	236,136	11.2%	49
2004 Y	Entergy Gulf States, Inc.	720,405	8,405,899	969,779	11.5%	50
2004 Y	Sierra Pacific Power Company	336,717	2,246,901	288,969	12.9%	51
2004 Y	Southern California Edison Co.	4,634,644	23,239,531	2,998,764	12.9%	52
2004 Y	Puget Sound Energy, Inc.	990,020	4,217,423	551,418	13.1%	53
2004 Y	Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.	NA	2,229,969	295,963	13.3%	54
2004 Y	Public Service Company of New Mexico	406,968	2,465,352	424,764	17.2%	55
2004 Y	Commonwealth Edison Company	3,660,930	13,761,919	2,428,335	17.6%	56
2004 Y	Arizona Public Service Company	966,185	9,364,972	1,670,402	17.8%	57
2004 Y	Entergy Mississippi, Inc.	419,004	2,385,333	436,013	18.3%	58
2004 Y	Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company	753,315	2,935,417	543,949	18.5%	59
2004 Y	Duquesne Light Company	586,772	2,009,914	382,121	19.0%	60
2004 Y	Nevada Power Company	717,787	3,998,245	760,730	19.0%	61
2004 Y	Potomac Electric Power Company	732,345	4,552,797	891,385	19.6%	62
2004 Y	Portland General Electric Company	762,336	3,878,104	772,661	19.9%	63
2004 Y	Public Service Company of Colorado	1,314,875	6,091,447	1,347,986	22.1%	64
2004 Y	Consolidated Edison Company of New York	3,152,022	12,095,387	2,988,683	24.7%	65
2004 Y	Illinois Power Company	599,428	2,342,133	623,920	26.6%	66
2004 Y	Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation	1,493,941	5,193,738	1,441,699	27.8%	67
2004 Y	Baltimore Gas and Electric Company	1,186,350	3,759,360	1,045,716	27.8%	68
2004 Y	New York State Electric & Gas Corp	856,154	2,671,659	860,099	32.2%	69
2004 Y	Ohio Edison Company	1,023,509	2,401,924	789,639	32.9%	70
2004 Y	PECO Energy Company	1,536,985	4,499,562	1,509,110	33.5%	71
2004 Y	Boston Edison Company	697,198	2,891,881	997,225	34.5%	72
2004 Y	Public Service Electric and Gas Company	2,082,450	6,138,997	2,301,228	37.5%	73
2004 Y	PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	1,344,373	4,433,002	1,702,839	38.4%	74
2004 Y	Jersey Central Power & Light Co.	1,054,959	3,717,456	1,431,635	38.5%	75
2004 Y	Connecticut Light and Power Company	1,177,316	3,671,609	1,692,049	46.1%	76
2004 Y	Massachusetts Electric Company	1,198,696	2,417,326	1,162,532	48.1%	77

Mean **12.1%**
Median **7.5%**