

**EXHIBIT NO. ___(DEG-16)
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**

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

AUGUST 23, 2006

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF
RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

DATE PREPARED: August 7, 2006
CASE NO.: UE-060266 & UG-060267
REQUESTER: Puget Sound Energy

WITNESS: Stephen G. Hill
RESPONDER: Stephen G. Hill
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PSE Data Request No. 116 to WUTC Staff:

(Ref. Exhibit No. ___(SGH-8), p. 2)

Please provide the equity ratio for each combination gas & electric utility identified on page 2 of Exhibit No. ___(SGH-8), after excluding amounts related to unregulated operations from the common equity balances for each utility.

Response:

Mr. Hill did not perform such an analysis in the course of preparing his testimony and does not have the data to do so at this time. In order to make the adjustment requested, the year-end common equity balance would have to be reduced by each company's unregulated investment, provided that no unregulated debt appears on the consolidated balance sheet.