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Ms. Carole J. Washburn
Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s General Rate Case, Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UG-011571: Response to Bench Request

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed are an original and 19 copies of responses to Bench Requests issued on Monday, June 17, 2002. The responses to the first set of Bench Requests are submitted to the record as Exhibit 576. The responses to the Supplemental Bench Requests are submitted to the record as Exhibit 577.

Although these responses are being provided by the Company, the responses were prepared in consultation with Staff and Public Counsel. Additionally, with respect to the questions pertaining to the conservation settlement, these responses include input from NWECC/NRDC and the Multi-Service Center, et al.

Very truly yours,

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Kirstin S. Dodge

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cc: All Parties of Record

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