

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

For an Order Authorizing the Sale of All of Puget Sound Energy's Interests in Colstrip
Unit 4 and Certain of Puget Sound Energy's Interests in Colstrip Transmission System

DOCKET UE-200115

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EXHIBIT PLC-9

Puget Sound Energy Response to Commission Staff Data Request No. 29

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**Docket UE-200115
Puget Sound Energy
Application Authorizing Sale of PSE Interest in Colstrip Unit 4**

WUTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 029:

Re: Colstrip Plant Operating and Maintenance Cost

Please refer to PSE Response to UTC Staff Data Request No. 20 Attachment A (C), tab “Budget (C).” Please separately define “O&M Costs” and “O&M Maintenance.”

Response:

Please find below definitions for “O&M Costs” and “O&M Maintenance” specifically in relation to tab “Budget (C)” of Attachment A to Puget Sound Energy’s Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 020.

O&M Costs correlates to the term O&M Costs (Base) as presented by Talen Montana, LLC (“Talen Montana”) in the Colstrip budget documents. The term relates to items that make up the on-going, normal course of business operations and maintenance of the plant such as payroll, coal handling, and scrubber maintenance, to name just a few. It does not include significant variable costs such as fuel and chemicals, nor does it include significant, non-routine maintenance such as overhaul and special project costs.

O&M Maintenance correlates to the term to O&M Special Maintenance as presented by Talen Montana in the Colstrip budget documents. Special maintenance items are non-capital, non-routine items that are done while the plant is in an outage situation. Some examples include cooling tower work, high pressure pipe inspections, or stack inspections.