

**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

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DOCKET UE-200115

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PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT**

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**EXHIBIT PLC-12**

Puget Sound Energy First Revised Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 57

**October 2, 2020**

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

**PUBLIC COUNSEL DATA REQUEST NO. 057:**

**Please refer to Cindy L. Song, Exh. CLS-9C, in the '2020 Budget (C)' tab of the electronic spreadsheet 'UE-200115-PSE-Exh-CLS-09C-2020-08-20 (C).xlsx'.**

PSE's response to WUTC Data Request No. 36 states that "[c]onversion to dry ash disposal must be in place by July 1, 2022" and that "[s]pecific estimates of the O&M cost for the dry ash disposal process are not yet available".

- a. Please explain whether O&M costs for dry ash disposal are included in the Project 2020 Budget provided in the '2020 Budget (C)' tab.
- b. If O&M costs for dry ash disposal are included in the Project 2020 Budget provided in the '2020 Budget (C)' tab, please provide the annual amounts for such costs included in each of the O&M cost categories listed in spreadsheet rows 8 through 16.
- c. If O&M costs for dry ash disposal are not included in the Project 2020 Budget provided in the '2020 Budget (C)' tab, please identify the O&M cost categories in which such costs will be recorded in future Project budgets.
- d. Please explain whether capital costs associated with the conversion to dry ash disposal are included in the Project 2020 Budget provided in the '2020 Budget (C)' tab.
- e. If capital costs associated with the conversion to dry ash disposal are included in the Project 2020 Budget provided in the '2020 Budget (C)' tab, please provide the annual amounts for such costs included in the 'Capital' cost category (spreadsheet row 19).

**First Revised Response:**

- a. O&M costs for dry ash disposal are not included in the Project 2020 Budget provided in the '2020 Budget (C)' tab due to the fact that the dry disposal system is not yet in place or operational.
- b. Please see the response to part a. above.

- c. O&M cost for dry ash disposal will be included in "O&M costs" in the future.
- d. Yes. Capital funding was assumed in the 2020 budget for the design/build of the dry waste disposal system.
- e. The budgeted amount for 2020 for the design/build of the dry waste disposal system for Colstrip Units 3 & 4 was \$3,000,000.