

**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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Puget Sound Energy Response to NW Energy Coalition Data Request No. 32

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Puget Sound Energy
Application Authorizing Sale of PSE Interest in Colstrip Unit 4**

NWEC DATA REQUEST NO. 032:

Has PSE evaluated options under which PSE would not sell or provide NorthWestern Energy the option to buy 185 MW of CTS capacity, but would rather lease or otherwise make that capacity available to NorthWestern Energy in the short term while retaining ownership of that capacity to meet PSE's long term-needs? If so, why were those options not proposed in this proceeding? If not, why were those options not evaluated?

Response:

NorthWestern Energy could purchase 185 megawatts of firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service for a term of five (5) years or longer from Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") pursuant to the terms and conditions of PSE's Open Access Transmission Tariff. If NorthWestern Energy were to take such firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service, then it would have the right to continue to take transmission service from the PSE when the contract expires, rolls over or is renewed, and PSE would not be able to rely on that capacity to meet PSE's long term-needs because NorthWestern Energy would retain long-term rights to that transmission capacity.