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### Exhibit DTA-25

PSE Response to IBEW Data Request No. 18, Attachment A (Retired Utility Poles Since 2010)

#### **TESTIMONY OF**

**D.** Timothy Arnold

In Opposition to the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation on Behalf of IBEW 77

#### Docket U-180680 Sale of Non-Controlling Interest in Puget Holdings LLC

#### IBEW LOCAL 77 DATA REQUEST NO. 018:

Please identify how many utility poles have been replaced per year, organized by headquarter, since 2010.

#### Response:

Each of the Joint Applicants objects to IBEW Local 77 Data Request No. 018 as overbroad because it exceeds the narrow scope of this proceeding and is not likely to lead to the discovery of evidence relevant to the possible harms associated with the proposed transactions. Given that discovery in this proceeding must be "narrowly defined and focused on the proposed transaction," (Docket U-180680, Order 01 at 8), information regarding the number of utility poles replaced by Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") per year, organized by headquarter, since 2010 is not reasonably probative for consideration of the proposed transactions.

Each of the Joint Applicants also objects to IBEW Local 77 Data Request No. 018 as overbroad and unduly burdensome as it requests information for the past nine years.

Subject to and notwithstanding these objections, the Joint Applicants respond as follows.

Attached as Attachment A to the Joint Applicants' Response to IBEW Local 77 Data Request No. 018 is an MS Excel spreadsheet that identifies the number of PSE utility poles retired each year since 2010. Retired poles have either been (i) replaced with another pole, (ii) removed from the system (e.g., an underground conversion project), or (iii) transferred ownership (e.g., PSE no longer owns or is responsible for the pole). Except for calendar year 2013, the majority of pole retirements are generally replacements or removals. In calendar year 2013, PSE sold its service territory in Jefferson County to Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, which explains the high number of pole retirements for that calendar year resulting from transferred ownership.

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# ATTACHMENT A to the Joint Applicants' Response to IBEW Local 77 Data Request No. 018

### **Distribution**

| Row Labels   | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013  | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 Gr | and Total |
|--|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|---------|-----------|
| Distribution System, Island County,                      | 112  | 151  | 130  | 94    | 148  | 103  | 95   | 78   | 114     | 1025      |
| Distribution System, Jefferson County,                   | 113  | 53   | 67   | 10187 |      |      | 1    |      |         | 10421     |
| Distribution System, King County outside RTA District,   | 1657 | 1197 | 1209 | 1026  | 1061 | 1269 | 1093 | 1034 | 1028    | 10575     |
| Distribution System, Kitsap County,                      | 577  | 321  | 382  | 327   | 466  | 381  | 389  | 581  | 594     | 4018      |
| Distribution System, Kittitas County,                    | 188  | 117  | 152  | 148   | 93   | 213  | 232  | 37   | 35      | 1215      |
| Distribution System, Lewis County,                       |      |      |      |       |      |      |      | 1    |         | 1         |
| Distribution System, Pierce County outside RTA District, | 506  | 456  | 451  | 392   | 380  | 318  | 445  | 307  | 230     | 3483      |
| Distribution System, Skagit County,                      | 320  | 294  | 295  | 337   | 398  | 219  | 321  | 236  | 416     | 2837      |
| Distribution System, Snohomish County outside RTA,       |      |      |      |       | 11   |      | 2    |      |         | 13        |
| Distribution System, Thurston County,                    | 735  | 624  | 740  | 494   | 548  | 501  | 316  | 537  | 266     | 4761      |
| Distribution System, Whatcom County,                     | 527  | 661  | 514  | 459   | 493  | 370  | 467  | 314  | 301     | 4106      |
| Grand Total  | 4735 | 3874 | 3940 | 13464 | 3598 | 3374 | 3361 | 3125 | 2984    | 42455     |

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## **Transmission**

| Row Labels  | Sum of activity_quantity |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 2010        | 176                      |
| 2011        | 135                      |
| 2012        | 54                       |
| 2013        | 163                      |
| 2014        | 792                      |
| 2015        | 370                      |
| 2016        | 122                      |
| 2017        | 592                      |
| 2018        | 13                       |
| Grand Total | 2417                     |