

November 30, 2009

NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST
(Due by Wednesday, December 9, 2009)

RE: *WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy, Inc. – General Rate Case*
Dockets UE-090704, UG-090705 (*consolidated*)

TO ALL PARTIES:

The following bench request (BR) is directed to Public Counsel. All parties, however, should conform their revenue requirements evidence to the standard set forth in this Bench Request.¹

In order to properly evaluate testimony filed in a ratemaking proceeding, the Commission requires electronic spreadsheets that illustrate results of operations and rate base, as well as every adjustment made to per-book figures to demonstrate the conversion from per-book results to adjusted results of operations. The Commission requires all formulas to be fully accessible, including any which support revised revenue requirements exhibits or supplemental revenue requirements exhibits. Parties that do not file full results of operations cases must also ensure that they explain in detail how the recommendations of their witnesses, if adopted, affect the per books results of operations.

¹ All parties' testimony and supporting exhibits should begin from a common starting point, the "per books" filing made by PSE, as opposed to the Company's adjusted filing. Further, for ease of tracking, all parties submitting testimony regarding the Company's adjustments should explain whether they are contested or uncontested, explaining any disputes and differences with contested adjustments. Of course, any party may also submit its own proposed adjustments.

In addition, to ensure consistency in evaluating mathematical calculations, all parties' calculations should rely on a "hard" rate of return rounded to 2 digits (e.g., 8.22 percent) and a "hard" conversion factor rounded to 6 digits (e.g., 0.620919). Finally, all parties submitting accounting exhibits which rely on formulae must ensure each formula is accessible in an "unlocked" version of the spreadsheet, database, or other supporting exhibit.

Bench Request No. 1: Please re-file the following exhibits along with the electronic worksheets supporting all calculations contained therein:

(JRD-2C) pages 1 – 41

(JRD-3C) pages 1 – 21

Please ensure that the re-filed exhibits include electronic versions of all spreadsheets with figures that link to the underlying formulas, not simply to calculated values. These re-submitted file(s) must be in Excel format and include all linked files with all formulas and formatting in every spreadsheet intact (formulas not converted to values or otherwise modified from original).

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties