

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF
RESPONSES TO DATA REQUEST

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REQUESTER: Public Counsel

WITNESS: William H. Weinman
RESPONDER: William H. Weinman
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REQUEST NO. 2: Please reference the Testimony in Support of Settlement Agreement of William H. Weinman, Exhibit No. _____ (WHW-6T), pp. 1-2.

“My recommendation, which has since changed, was based on my conclusion that the Joint Applicants had not provided enough information in their direct testimony and in response to data requests from Staff and Public Counsel to meet the burden of showing that the proposed transaction would be consistent with the public interest and would result in no harm to Washington consumers.

The additional information the Joint Applicants subsequently provided in their rebuttal testimony, together with the conditions that the Joint Applicants have agreed to in their settlement with Staff, provide the necessary assurance that the transaction is consistent with the public interest and will result in no harm to Washington consumers.”

Please identify, and provide copies of, any “additional information the Joint Applicants subsequently provided” that influenced Mr. Weinman to change his recommendation that was not provided with the Joint Applicants’ rebuttal testimony.

RESPONSE:

As stated in Mr. Weinman’s testimony, the additional information was provided by the Joint Applicants “in their rebuttal testimony.” Because Mr. Weinman’s concerns about inadequate information in the Applicants’ direct testimony pertained mostly to financial issues, the rebuttal testimony of Mr. Whitehouse (all) and Mr. McCarthy (pp. 2-67) were the most helpful in terms of providing assurance that the transaction is in the public interest. Public Counsel has copies of the rebuttal testimony.