EXHIBIT NO. ___(MLJ-16)
DOCKET NO. UE-072300/UG-072301
2007 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: MICHAEL L. JONES

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

Docket No. UE-072300 Docket No. UG-072301

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

FIRST EXHIBIT (NONCONFIDENTIAL) TO THE PREFILED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL L. JONES ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

DATE PREPARED: June 17, 2008 WITNESS: William H. Weinman DOCKET: UE-072300/UG-072301 RESPONDER: William H. Weinman REQUESTER: Puget Sound Energy TELEPHONE: (360) 664-1308

PSE Data Request No. 15 to WUTC Staff:

Re: Prefiled Testimony of William H. Weinman, Exhibit No. T(WHW-1T)

Please explain and provide all data, documents and analyses illustrating how Mr. Weinman's depreciation analysis considered the impact of new regulations such as the Federal Clean Air Interstate Rule, the Federal Clean Air Visibility Rule, and the Montana Mercury Reduction Rule, as well as the US Environmental Protection Agency enforcement actions begun in 1999 against utilities that performed life extension modifications contrary to the provisions of the Federal Clean Air Act.

RESPONSE:

The attached are presentations and papers representative of the information Mr. Weinman used to develop his opinion that 60 year plant lives are reasonable for the Colstrip units. His analysis is based upon historical results and "known" technology. The sequestering technology for capturing CO2 is not available for large coal plants. Therefore, the ability to convert the Colstrip units is a matter of speculation.