

**Exh. BLH-8
UE-240004/UG-240005/UE-230810
Witness: Byron Harmon**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

**DOCKETS UE-240004,
UG-240005 and UE-230810
(Consolidated)**

EXHIBIT TO TESTIMONY OF

BYRON LLOYD HARMON

**STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

PSE Response to Staff Data Request No. 197

August 6, 2024

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**Dockets UE-240004 & UG-240005
Puget Sound Energy
2024 General Rate Case**

WUTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 197:

REQUESTED BY: Byron Harmon

RE: Equity

In the Direct Testimony of Troy A. Hutson, Exh. TAH-1T, page 37, PSE states, “Collaborate with other organizations and utilities to learn about their energy equity practices.” What utilities is PSE collaborating with? Besides those listed in your answer, what organizations and utilities does PSE plan to collaborate with?

Response:

Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) has collaborated with the following organizations and utilities:

- Lawrence Berkeley National Labs (“LBNL”): to develop a decision support tool and an accompanying practical guide for enhancing traditional cost-effectiveness tests for distributed energy resources with recognition of distributional equity. The DEA practical guide was published nationally in May 2024. PSE was part of the Distribution Equity Analysis Advisory Committee which is “composed of organizations representing energy equity and climate justice advocates; consumer advocates, public utility commissions, state energy offices, distributed energy resource and environmental advocates, and evaluation, measurement and verification experts; and academia, national laboratories, and federal agencies.” The list of Advisory Committee members can be found the Berkeley Lab webpage here: <https://emp.lbl.gov/publications/distributional-equity-analysis>
- PSE is part of E-Source's Equity in a Clean Energy Economy Collaborative (“ECEE”): Executive Council. Its mission is to bring stakeholders together to create new approaches and tools that ensure equity in a clean energy economy for at-risk customers and communities.
- PSE is part of Chartwell’s Vulnerable Customer Leadership Council, which provides a forum for utilities to consult with on best practices, lessons learned, tactics, and strategies. Members of the Council are comprised of utilities from the United States.

- PSE collaborated with the University of Washington Center for Health and Global Environment (“CHanGE”) and applied its Climate Health and Risk Tool (“CHaRT”) to PSE’s service area to mature customer health and extreme heat risk data and plans to continue collaborating with the Center.
- PSE has also reached out to the UW Center for Environmental Health Equity to develop further consultation/ collaboration for Community Health indicators.