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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

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STAFF OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PSE Response to Staff Data Request No. 201 with Attachment A

August 6, 2024

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

WUTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 201:

REQUESTED BY: Byron Harmon

RE: Equity

In the Direct Testimony of Troy A. Hutson, Exh. TAH-1T, page 40, PSE identifies "All employee communications through PSE's Friday Focus articles" as a method used to strengthen PSE's employees' knowledge about energy equity. Please answer the following questions:

- 1. Are all Friday Focus articles about equity?
- 2. If not, how frequently are they about equity?
- 3. Please provide a representative sample, from a period of two months, of PSE's Friday Focus articles.

Response:

- 1. No. Not all Friday Focus articles are about equity.
- 2. The frequency of articles focused on equity are determined based on business need and when there are articles to publish.
- Attached as Attachment A to Puget Sound Energy's ("PSE") Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 201 is a zip file containing Friday Focus articles from January and February 2024. During this time period, there were two energy equity articles (on Jan 19 and February 16) along with articles that highlighted diversity such as Martin Luther King Jr, Black History month, and Lunar New Year.

ATTACHMENT A to PSE's Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 201

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Friday, Feb. 2, 2024

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Harriet Tubman

Photo of the week: In honor of Black History Month, our <u>AAL-Voices ERG</u> has again created a heartfelt video titled, "<u>What Black History Meant to our Ancestors</u>." In the video, employees share their favorite quotes from prominent as well as lesser-known figures from history. In collaboration with AAL-Voices, our <u>TWS ERG is creating weekly</u> presentations honoring Black soldiers, beginning with <u>buffalo soldiers</u> and what they mean to America's history. All month, AAL-Voices and TWS will recognize and celebrate Black history. Visit the AAL-Voices <u>Teams site</u> for more info and to join! (Video credit: Bill Wright)

Featured stories

PSE's Danielle McCaughan earns national award for outstanding customer engagement

Congrats to Danielle for winning the award based on her exceptional service to our customers.

Corporate Policy update

Familiarize yourself with the changes to some of our corporate policies.

Reporting hazards pays off for these Recognition Program winners

Congratulations to the 2023 winners of our Hazard Reporting Recognition Program!

Weekly news digest

Emailing a PDF of your W2? Use our email encryption tool

Follow these steps for an extra layer of security when emailing a copy of your W2.

Learn how to take control of your data

With the rise of AI, the risk to data privacy is greater than ever. Keep these tips in mind to protect your data and online activity.

February EAP tip of the month

Our EAP offers free, confidential resources to help you make informed choices about life and work issues. Learn more about the program with our monthly featured tip.

Discount tickets available all season for Seattle Reign FC

Brought to you by PSEEA, get 20% off our pro women's soccer team's home games!

February wellness: goal setting and microhabits

Focus on small, consistent, manageable steps to help reach your long-term goals.

Want to step up your skills this year? Join Toastmasters

Looking for a new goal in 2024? Sign up for Toastmasters and improve your public speaking and presentation skills.

PSE sponsors Thunderbirds game Feb. 3

Stop by the PSE table tomorrow night at the ShoWare Center in Kent to play trivia and for a chance to win cool swag.

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- KP webinar: A heart to love virtual Feb. 8
- <u>Company holiday Washington's birthday</u> offices closed Feb. 19
- <u>Nurturing Success for Black Employees</u> virtual Feb. 20

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friday Focus





Photo of the week: We continue to make progress on our clean energy targets! We're proud to announce that we've signed an extended power sales agreement with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation for their 5.5% share of the Wells Hydroelectric Project. The power sales agreement for 40MW of carbon-free capacity started in September 2018 and will now extend through September 2029. Read more about this partnership <u>here</u>. (Photo credit: PSE)

Featured stories

We renewed our clean energy contract with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

The power generated provides enough energy to power approximately 20,000 homes!

Grid Connections: Ken Lulow

Learn about what Ken and the Grid Mod team are working on in the recent installment of our Grid Modernization series.

WATCH: February PSE Now

In case you missed it, Mary Kipp and our officers shared what's happening at PSE, featuring exciting updates on projects and emerging technology in Energy Resources.

Weekly news digest

Accelerate PSE 2030: in case you missed it

This list of featured stories highlighs our many successes — read about our PSE 2030 strategy, company innovation and stories of those who made it happen!

Follow these steps to ensure your PSE-issued laptop connects to "psewifi"

A new tech feature rolled out to company laptops may be blocking access to "psewifi" — choose one of these options to ensure you have access at all office locations.

Safety team updates Floor Warden program for hybrid workplace

A required training video will be assigned in PALMS next week. Watch for it!

ERGs invite you to celebrate Black History Month

AAL-Voices and TWS are collaborating on ways for you to participate in honoring Black History Month.

Lauri Finch is retiring Feb. 16

Come say goodbye to Lauri at her retirement party in the Tacoma office next Friday. Congrats on your new chapter, Lauri!

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New job postings: week of Feb. 5, 2024

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- Nurturing Success for Black Employees virtual Feb. 20
- Embarrassment, Entitlement, & Power virtual Feb. 21
- Increase Your Professional Confidence virtual Feb. 22

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friday Focus





Photo of the week: The Lunar New Year, or Spring Festival, is marked by heartfelt wellwishes, family gatherings and vibrant festivities. Celebrated across diverse cultures including China, Vietnam, South Korea and many others, each region adds a unique and colorful flair to the festivities. This year we come together to embrace the Year of the Dragon — a symbol of strength and good fortune. Join our <u>AAPI Advocates</u> employee resource group for a joyous Lunar New Year celebration Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. – noon in the Bellevue Auditorium for games and snacks. All PSE employees are welcome to share and appreciate the unique traditions that contribute to PSE's cultural richness. Reach out to <u>aapi.advocates@pse.com</u> with questions. (Image credit: Adobe stock)

Featured stories

We're proud to award more than \$780,000 in solar installation grants

All recipients offer support services to low-income and BIPOC community members within our electric service area.

What is energy equity: a conversation with Troy Hutson and Carol Wallace Page 10 of 23

Hear from our Energy Equity director about his team and their role in reaching our clean energy goals.

Employee Spotlight: Jaywant Subramaniam

Jaywant is instrumental in his role as an IT applications advisor. Learn about his work and what he loves most about working at PSE.

Weekly news digest

Officers Aaron August, Josh Jacobs talk about the future of energy

Aaron and Josh participated in a panel discussion on the future of energy at a Bellevue Chamber event this week.

We issued an RFP for non-wires alternatives in Kitsap County

This is another step toward achieving our clean energy goals.

Origin: our new financial wellness resource

Watch the launch video from our new benefits vendor Origin, and learn how they can help you manage your financial life.

Celebrating Black History: the Tuskegee Airmen

Do you know who these African American aviators were? Find out more in this week's Black History presentation from TWS.

Ariba Guided Buying Amazon catalog is now live

The new Amazon catalog launched this week — see how to use it for all PSE-paid Amazon purchases.

WATCH: DEEP Discovery Day

In case you missed it, watch the latest informational recording from the DEEP team on the Community Data Dashboard.

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Friday, Feb. 23, 2024



Photo of the week: Long summer days will be here before we know it, and it's almost time to enter to win a week at one of our Lake Tapps cabins or South Loop campsites! The lottery opens on Friday, March 1 — to enter and learn more about this year's process, click <u>here</u>. (Photo credit: PSE)

Featured stories

A message from Mary: we filed our General Rate Case

Thank you to everyone who worked long hours to prepare this milestone rate case; it will provide the resources for us to continue to deliver safe, clean, reliable energy.

Our Clean Buildings Accelerator program is recognized for its outstanding Pagerk3 of 23

Congratulations to the CBA team for their incredible work helping customers comply with the ambitious state-mandated energy targets for existing commercial buildings.

We earned a PSBJ Environmental and Sustainability Award

The Puget Sound Business Journal awarded us an Environmental and Sustainability Award in Operational Excellence for leading the way on climate efforts in our region!

Weekly news digest

Lake Tapps Cabin and South Loop Campsite Lottery opens Friday, March 1

Already thinking of summer days by the lake? Get ready to enter your name in the lottery to win the use of our Lake Tapps cabins or campsites.

Volunteers wanted: IEEE PES General Meeting coming to Seattle

The annual international conference is coming to Seattle, and we need your help! This is an opportunity to build your knowledge, profile and network.

Celebrating Black History: Harriet Tubman

Did you know Harriet Tubman, best known for the Underground Railroad, also served in the Union Army as a spy, scout and nurse? Find out more in this week's Black History presentation from TWS.

2024 Military Appreciation Day Carnival

We're looking for volunteers to join us next Saturday at the Military Appreciation Day at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.

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- Feb. Digital Workplace Transformation session virtual Feb. 29
- Lunch & Learn: Common sleep problems and solutions virtual March 28

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Photo of the week: This year's <u>annual calendar</u> highlights our Tono substation team for successfully completing a significant project five years in the making. The Tono substation received an extra high voltage 500kV:115kV transformer that traveled across the country to Lewis County. The new transformer serves as a critical extra high voltage source into Thurston County that will strengthen reliability, resiliency and operability for our customers and neighboring electric systems. Pictured from left: Richard Livingston, Zachary Nelson, Joseph Pomata, Tyler Heiss, Patrick Sablan and Dale Sylvester. Download the <u>calendar</u> for a quick reference to 2024 payroll dates, company holidays and HR resources. (Photo credit: James Whalen)

Featured stories

Accelerate PSE 2030: in case you missed it

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Grid Connections: Lauren Benz

Learn about what Lauren and the Grid Mod team are working on in the recent installment of our Grid Modernization series.

EV life: learn why Marketing's Megan Loctor went electric

Find out why Megan chose to buy her EV and what she loves most about driving it!

Weekly news digest

Check out what's new in our updated Avian Protection Plan

The new version brings the APP up to date with current practices and functions.

January EAP tip of the month

Our EAP offers free, confidential resources to help you make informed choices about life and work issues. Learn more about the program with our monthly featured tip.

Perform a paycheck checkup to ensure correct 2024 tax withholding

Kick off the new year with a quick financial checkup to see if you need to make adjustments to your current withholding.

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• Company holiday - MLK Day - offices closed - Jan. 15

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Photo of the week: Monday is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a federal holiday that honors the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. It's typically spent as a day of service and remembrance for Dr. King's contributions to the fight for racial equality and social justice. The theme of his memorial in Washington, D.C, pictured above, is "Out of a mountain of despair, a stone of hope," a quote from his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech. The memorial serves as a symbol of his leadership and the ongoing struggle for civil rights. King believed that leadership was not about power or control, but about serving others and working toward a common goal of justice and equality. About leadership, he said, "A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus." (Photo credit: National Park Service)

Featured stories

We're investing in next-generation nuclear feasibility

We announced an agreement with Energy Northwest to help accelerate their nuclear feasibility study by investing \$10 million with the utility consortium.

A message from Mary: organizational announcements

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Ron Roberts is our new senior vice president of Energy Resources, and Michelle Vargo is our new senior vice president of Energy Operations.

Kudos to our storm crews who restored power quickly and safely

A huge thank you to everyone who jumped into action to restore power for our customers.

Enter your 2024 performance goals in SuccessFactors

Review upcoming deadlines and follow these steps to enter your 2024 goals in SuccessFactors.

Weekly news digest

PSE 2030 milestone: we're evaluating multi-day energy storage solutions

Our partnership with Form Energy will lead to the first long-duration batter storage project in the Pacific Northwest.

Celebrating key milestones and achievements as we kick off 2024

We've accomplished a lot in the last 12 months and have much to celebrate as we head into the new year.

Safety alert: hypothermia and frostbite

Learn how to prevent these cold weather safety hazards.

New Eastside transmission line project is complete and energized!

The long-term project adds more than five miles of new and upgraded 115 kV transmission line from Redmond to Kirkland.

Time-of-Use (TOU) pilot is growing

We recently launched a pilot program to residential and business customers to help them manage energy demand.

Facility safety maps have been updated

We now have updated emergency and evacuation maps available thanks to Facility Services.

Make 2024 the year to reset with myWellness at PSE

You can now start earning wellness credits for the year on our wellness platform.

Important Corporate Policy 38 update

One of our corporate policies has been updated to address using third-party messaging applications. Familiarize yourself with the new information.

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- Kaiser: Social support for your life virtual Jan. 17
- <u>Calm-Cast: Tiny habits to boost your health</u> virtual Jan. 18
- <u>RethinkCare: Executive Function Get ready for 2024</u> virtual Jan. 18
- Wellspring: Embracing imperfection in personal growth virtual Jan. 30

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Friday, Jan. 19, 2024

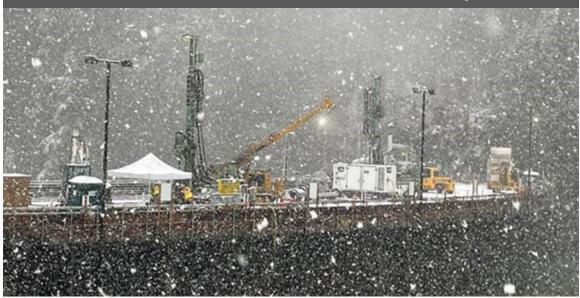


Photo of the week: Our Lower Baker Dam seepage reduction project team doesn't take snow days! This group of engineers, construction workers, heavy machine operators and others have been working a rotating 12-hour shift twice a day, six days a week, since September 2022, and they don't stop for weather. Slated to be completed by the end of 2025, this project will reduce the water that seeps through the dam foundation and abutments by installing a "grout curtain" — a series of holes drilled into the bedrock and injected with cementitious grout. This intense project is an impressive feat of engineering because of the location, complex hydrology, geology, costs associated and, especially, the workforce required. Thank you to everyone working on this project and to those keeping the power on for our customers. Remember to stay safe in this wintry weather! (Photo credit: PSE)

Featured stories

Thank you for your response to storm, freezing weather

Thank you to everyone who responded to serve our customers during the recent windy, wet, then bitterly cold weather! You are appreciated.

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Tips to avoid slips, trips and falls on snow, ice

The winter weather continues. Consider these suggestions to stay safe.

PSE updates named communities data in GIS and Insights platforms

Learn how and why these equity datasets were created and what they represent; watch a short video on how it all works.

Weekly news digest

New hydro apprentice shares his playbook for success

Chance Sherwood brings his football captain experiences and values to our Pathway to Apprenticeship Program.

Electric System Operations spreads holiday cheer for kids

The team filled two cubicles with donated clothes, shoes, blankets and toys for Treehouse, a nonprofit serving youth in foster care.

Conquer your financial future with Origin, our new financial wellness resource

Register for the Feb. 1 launch webinar to learn about this new offering.

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Friday, Jan. 26, 2024



Photo of the week: Mission accomplished! Congratulations to our Bill Discount Rate (BDR) project team for officially reaching the close-out stage of this critical project that provides quicker financial help with fewer barriers to our customers in need and supports the equity component of our 2030 goals. Thank you to everyone involved, whether you helped develop the program or are now <u>assisting our customers</u> — because of your hard work, we are helping more customers and positively impacting the communities we serve. Read the latest <u>story</u> to learn more. (Photo credit: PSE)

Featured stories

House passes decarbonization bill as first step in long process

The Washington State House of Representatives passed ESHB 1589 this week; we support this bill as part of our decarbonization efforts.

2023 W-2s available in SuccessFactors

You can now view, download and print your 2023 tax return document (W-2) through SuccessFactors.

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2024 Corporate safety goal

To ensure we're all committed to safety, we again have three parts to our ambitious corporate safety goal this year.

Congratulations to Fredonia Generating Station for safety achievement

Our Fredonia Generating Station team achieved a major milestone on Jan. 18, surpassing 6,000 days without a lost time incident. Way to go!

Weekly news digest

The Bill Discount Rate project team accomplishes their mission

Thank you to the BDR project team for an outstanding job! During the past 15 months, the team achieved numerous milestones, all to help our customers in need.

BNZC advisory committee successfully wraps up

This two-year engagement with a diverse group of leaders helped us determine our guiding principles for our clean energy transition.

RECORDING: Jan. 25 Digital Workplace Transformation session

DWT sessions are back — watch the latest session to find out what's new.

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