

**Exh. BLH-6
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. 181

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. 181:

REQUESTED BY: Byron Harmon

RE: Equity

In the Direct Testimony of Troy A. Hutson, Exh. TAH-1T, page 2, PSE states, "Energy equity is an evolving field and PSE closely tracks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's ("Commission") guidance and industry developments." Please answer the following questions:

1. Does PSE consider any other sources such as, but not limited to, utility and non-utility related scholarly research, philosophy, advocacy groups, Energy Justice communities, or history? If not, why not?
2. If yes, please provide a list of citations, even if incomplete, that adequately represents the breadth of your research.

Response:

1. Yes, Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") considers other sources.
2. Below are a few citations of PSE's research on energy equity. This is meant to be a representation of the research and is not exhaustive.

Refer to the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Monica Martinez, Exh. MM-1T, who provides insights into the national and state perspectives and PSE's progress on energy equity.

University of Michigan's Energy Equity Project Report, 2022, which can be found at https://energyequityproject.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/220174_EEP_Report_8302022.pdf.

International Association of Public Participation (IAP2)'s spectrum of public participation, core values, and code of ethics.

Hanus, Nichole L, Jay Barlow, Andrew Satchwell, and Peter Cappers. "Assessing the Current State of U.S. Energy Equity Regulation and Legislation." (2023)

Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA)'s Embedding Equity in Utility Transformation, April 2023

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)'s Leading with Equity approach, as <https://www.aceee.org/energy-equity-initiative>

WA Department of Ecology Overburdened Communities Story Map: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/814b223ee0d14ff38e90feb90f8978d0>
This was used as a model for PSE's Equity Investment Zone storymaps

Refer to research cited in PSE's Recognition Justice story map in PSE's Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 185 for additional detail.

Refer to research cited related to military communities in PSE's Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 189 part 8 for additional detail.