

**Exh. BLH-7  
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. 185*

**August 6, 2024**

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

**WUTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 185:**

REQUESTED BY: Byron Harmon

**RE: Equity**

In the Direct Testimony of Troy A. Hutson, Exh. TAH-1T, page 16, PSE states, “It [Recognition Justice] also includes acknowledging historical, cultural, and institutional dynamics and structures that created past and current inequities or disparities in the energy system.” Please answer the following questions:

1. Please provide PSE’s analysis of historical, cultural, and institutional dynamics and structures?
2. Does PSE believe that it has embodied its guiding principle of accountability (see Figure 6, page 33), with its recognition justice work? Why or why not?

**Response:**

1. Some of the historical dynamics and structural barriers that PSE found are cited here:
  - Legacy of Structural Racism: Colonization of the Central Puget Sound, Puget Sound Regional Council, Regional Equity Strategy:  
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/22286877bbcd4a648250fa074b5003ea?item=2>
  - Legacy of Structural Racism: Redlining and Racial Restrictive Covenants, Puget Sound Regional Council, Regional Equity Strategy:  
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/22286877bbcd4a648250fa074b5003ea?item=4>
  - Legacy of Structural Racism: Contemporary, Puget Sound Regional Council, Regional Equity Strategy:  
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/22286877bbcd4a648250fa074b5003ea?item=7>
2. Yes. By applying the four energy justice tenets in its operations, including recognition justice, PSE is striving to ensure equitable distribution of benefits and reduction of burdens to named communities.