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Dennis Moss, Administrative Law Judge
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.
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RE: *WUTC v. PSE (PSE 2017 General Rate Case)*
Dockets UE-170033/UG-170034

Dear Judge Moss:

The procedural schedule in these dockets identifies tomorrow, May 19, 2017, as the date of the first settlement conference. Commission Staff writes to request that it be excused from participation in tomorrow's settlement conference. While Staff always stands ready to engage with other parties in discussions to resolve discrete issues, Staff is not prepared to meet tomorrow to discuss the many issues raised by PSE's general rate case filing. Other parties, of course, are free to meet tomorrow without Staff's participation. We note that responsive testimony in this case is due June 30. The parties, including Staff, will endeavor to meet as a group prior to that date.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Senior Assistant Attorney General

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Enclosures
cc: Parties