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

Dear Judge Moss:

This is to inform you that, while in its May 18, 2017, letter to you, Commission Staff indicated its willingness to engage in settlement discussions, Staff has since decided that it has no interest in pursuing settlement at this time. As with all forms of alternate dispute resolution, participation in settlement discussions is voluntary, not mandatory. In this case, Staff believes that certain issues would benefit from a commission decision to establish precedent on which parties may rely in the future. As for the remaining issues, Staff has not yet completed its analysis and believes its valuable time ought rather be spent preparing its testimony, which is due June 30, 2017. Other parties to the docket, of course, are free to engage in settlement discussions without Staff's participation at this time.

Sincerely,



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Senior Assistant Attorney General

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Enclosures  
cc: Parties

