

**EXHIBIT NO. ___(PKW-5)
DOCKET NO. UE-13____
2013 PSE PCORC
WITNESS: PAUL K. WETHERBEE**

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

Docket No. UE-13____

**FOURTH EXHIBIT (NONCONFIDENTIAL) TO THE
PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
PAUL K. WETHERBEE
ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**

APRIL 25, 2013

134 FERC ¶ 62,125
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Puget Sound Energy

Project No. 2493-145

ORDER CERTIFYING INCREMENTAL HYDROPOWER GENERATION
FOR PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT

(Issued February 09, 2011)

1. On November 3, 2010, Puget Sound Energy, licensee for the Snoqualmie Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2493, filed a request for certification for a renewable energy production tax credit for efficiency improvements. The improvements will come from upgrading six units that began construction on April 5, 2010. The licensee's expected in-service date for the six upgraded units is December 31, 2013. The licensee made the filing pursuant to Internal Revenue Code section 45.¹ The project is located on the Snoqualmie River in King County, Washington.

2. Section 1301 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct)² amended section 45 to apply the tax credit to incremental production gains from efficiency improvements or capacity additions to existing hydroelectric facilities placed into service after August 8, 2005, and before January 1, 2014. Under EPAAct section 1301(c), the Commission is required to certify the "historic average annual hydropower production" and the "percentage of average annual hydropower production at the facility attributable to the efficiency improvements or additions of capacity" placed in service during that time period. Based on the above, we are issuing this certification order.

The Director orders:

(A) Based on our review of the information provided by the licensee, we certify the following:

¹ I.R.C. § 45 (2000).

² Pub. L. No. 109-58 § 1301, 119 Stat. 594, (2005), Pub. L. No. 109-432 Title II, § 201, 120 Stat. 2922, (2006), Pub. L. No. 110-343, Div B, Title I, (2008), and Pub. L. No. 111-5, Div B, Title I, §1101, (2009).

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Type of Improvement	Improvements due to Upgrading of Six Generating Units
Date of Operation	December 31, 2013
Historical Generation Baseline (kWh)	238,070,000
Generation with Improvements (kWh)	260,100,000
Incremental Generation (kWh)	22,030,000
Percentage of Generation due to Improvements (%)	9.3

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Any party may file a request for rehearing of this order within 30 days from the date of its issuance, as provided in section 313(a) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. § 8251 (2006), and the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2010). The filing of a request for rehearing does not operate as a stay of the effective date of this order, or any other date specified in this order. The licensee's failure to file a request for rehearing shall constitute acceptance of this order.

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