

**Exh. CSH-5
Dockets UE-170033/UG-170034
Witness: Christopher S. Hancock**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

**DOCKETS UE-170033 and
UG-170034 (*Consolidated*)**

**EXHIBIT TO
TESTIMONY OF**

Christopher S. Hancock

**STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

State of Montana Response to Staff Data Request No. 13

June 30, 2017

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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UTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 13:

Referencing Montana's response to Staff data request 5, which includes a copy of the Administrative Order on Consent Regarding Impacts Related to Wastewater Facilities Comprising the closed-Loop System at Colstrip Steam Electric Station, Colstrip Montana (Administrative Order on Consent), regarding Articles VIII and IX of the Administrative Order on Consent, please provide complete copies of documentation for the following:

- a. All financial assurances instruments and estimated financial assurance amounts provided for all three phases of compliance completed for ongoing operation and maintenance actions for ongoing remedial, closure, and post-closure actions.
- b. All decisions of approval or denial by Montana of all financial assurance provided,
- c. Any modifications proposed and approved to the financial assurances, and
- d. The Facility Closure Plan including annual updated estimated costs of closure and post closure.

ANSWER:

Due to the volume of responsive materials generated by these requests, they are being sent on compact disc, by U.S. mail, in accordance with previous productions.

- a. Phase 1 Assurances: Montana produces financial assurances that have been submitted by Talen Montana, LLC, or its predecessor PPL Montana, LLC, which have been approved by DEQ in October of 2012, September of 2014, March of 2015 and May of 2015. These financial assurances cover current and continuing remedial actions including monitoring and were submitted to satisfy the first phase of financial assurance required under Section VIII of the AOC. Phase 2 Assurances: The second phase of financial assurance is to be submitted by Talen Montana upon DEQ's selection of a remedy under Article VI of the AOC. Phase 3 Assurances: The third phase of financial assurance is to be submitted by Talen Montana upon DEQ's approval of a Facility Closure Plan under Article IX of the AOC.
- b. The approvals and releases of the financial insurance instruments that Talen Montana has submitted to DEQ are attached to the financial assurance instruments produced by Montana.

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Date of Response: May 19, 2017
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- c. There have not been any modifications proposed and approved to the financial assurances.
- d. Article IX of the AOC requires Talen Montana to submit a proposed Facility Closure Plan for each of the sites identified in the AOC no later than five years from the date of execution of the AOC. The AOC was executed on August 3, 2012. Talen Montana has not yet submitted Facility Closure Plans to DEQ. DEQ expects Talen Montana to do so by August 3, 2017.