

**Exh. ECO-6
Dockets UE-170033/UG-170034
Witness: Elizabeth O'Connell**

**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**

Elizabeth C. O'Connell

**STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

PSE's response to Staff data request 274.

June 30, 2017

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Puget Sound Energy
2017 General Rate Case**

WUTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 274

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RE: Environmental Remediation Projects adjustment

Does PSE have specific internal protocols for the approval of environmental remediation projects? If yes, please provide the protocols along with a detailed explanation of the protocols and corporate policies.

Response:

For most remediation sites, the remediation protocols are legislatively established through the State of Washington's Model Toxics Control Act and the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act administered by the Environmental Protection Agency. These statutes establish the requirements for Release Reports, Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Studies, remediation work, future monitoring, and re-openers.

If outside legal or consultant support is necessary, a request to create an appropriate work order number is submitted to Puget Sound Energy's ("PSE") General Accounting department. If a site could potentially have existing legacy insurance policies, outside counsel that assists PSE on the management of those policies is contacted so they may review available insurance policies and provide notice to those insurance carriers.