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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND
(Response due by 1 p.m., May 4, 2017)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy,*
Docket PG-160924

TO ALL PARTIES:

On September 20, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) initiated a complaint against Puget Sound Energy (PSE) as a result of Commission regulatory staff's (Staff) investigation into a natural gas explosion that occurred in the vicinity of 8411 Greenwood Ave. N, Seattle, Washington. On November 2, 2016, the Commission entered a Prehearing Conference Order establishing a procedural schedule. The procedural schedule was modified by notice dated January 17, 2017.

On March 28, 2017, Staff and PSE filed with the Commission a multi-party Settlement Agreement (Settlement) and supporting Narrative. On March 29, 2017, the Commission issued a notice suspending the existing procedural schedule and setting this matter for hearing on May 15, 2017. The notice further advised that testimony in support of, or in opposition to, the Settlement was due May 1, 2017.

On April 13, 2017, the Commission issued a further notice establishing new deadlines for the filing of opposition testimony by Public Counsel, and responsive testimony by Staff and PSE. Public Counsel filed testimony by the deadline on April 24, 2017. On April 28, 2017, Staff filed a Motion to Strike Portions of Public Counsel's Testimony in Opposition to Settlement (Staff's Motion).

On April 28, 2017, the Commission issued a notice requiring responses to Staff's Motion by 12 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3. On May 1, PSE filed a Motion to Strike Portions of the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Sebastian Coppola on Behalf of Public Counsel (PSE's Motion, or together with Staff's Motion, the Motions).

In the interest of ruling on the Motions before the deadline for filing responsive testimony on May 8, 2017, while allowing Public Counsel sufficient time to respond to both Motions, the Commission finds good cause to require responses to the Motions to be filed by **1 p.m., May 4, 2017.**

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That Public Counsel's response to Staff's Motion to Strike Portions of Public Counsel's Testimony in Opposition to Settlement and Puget Sound Energy's Motion to Strike Portions of the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Sebastian Coppola on Behalf of Public Counsel must be filed by 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017.

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge