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Mr. Steve McLellan, Secretary  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
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**Subject: Docket Number UG-920781 (WNG)  
Docket Number UE-911476 (PSP&L)  
Report on Environmental Issues  
for the Period ending September 30, 1997**

Dear Mr. McLellan:

The following report is submitted in accordance with the above-referenced docket numbers to update the WUTC on environmental matters undertaken by Puget Sound Energy. Please note that for ease of communication, this report will combine remedial activity for both the former Puget Sound Power & Light and the former Washington Natural Gas Company. However, to assist your review, I will segregate this report into the following two headings: Former WNG sites and Former Puget Power sites.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this new format, please let me know. Otherwise, all future updates will be provided in a similar fashion.

**1. FORMER WNG SITES**

**A. Tacoma Gas Company Site (Upland Source Control)**

Recontamination modeling is under development for the site to assist in the determination if any contamination from this property is an ongoing source of contamination to the Thea Foss Waterway. PSE's consultant, Black & Veatch, is performing this work and anticipates results by the end of December 1997. At that time, PSE and the other potentially liable parties (PLPs) will be able to commence negotiations with Washington State Department of Ecology (WDOE) to determine the appropriate remedial activity for the site, if any.

Total Remedial Costs Spent through 9/30/97 \$ 218,918.08

**B. Thea Foss Waterway**

The City of Tacoma, as the lead PRP for this project, is preparing a new proposed remedial option report. In its final form, it is anticipated that the City will propose a remedial option which combines dredging, natural recovery, and capping.

Total Remedial Costs Spent through 9/30/97 \$ 60,195.78

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### **C. Everett, Washington**

PSE has submitted permit applications for the containment wall it has proposed as the appropriate remedial option for this site. Final permits are expected by the end of December 1997 and implementation of remediation is tentatively scheduled for Spring of 1998.

Total Remedial Costs Spent through 9/30/97 \$ 509,301.53

### **D. Chehalis, Washington - Gas Site**

PSE continues to collect groundwater monitoring data to assess whether any additional remedial activity is required at this site.

Total Remedial Costs Spent through 9/30/97 \$1,734,772.60

### **E. Gas Works Park**

PSE and the City of Seattle have completed negotiations on a budget for a focused feasibility study and have retained Parametrix for this phase of the project. It is currently projected that this study will be completed in Fall 1998.

Total Remedial Costs Spent through 9/30/97 \$ 80,752.72

## **2. FORMER PUGET POWER SITES**

### **A. Northwest Transformer, Mission Pole**

PSE is currently awaiting response from EPA concerning ground water monitoring which is expected in the first quarter of 1998.

Total Remedial Costs Spent through 9/30/97 \$3,699,853.00

### **B. Northwest Transformer, South Harkness**

EPA has deleted the site from the Federal NPL because of reduced risk to the public following completion of 1996 groundwater monitoring review. The site was delisted September 1998.

Total Remedial Costs Spent through 9/30/97 \$2,390,780.00

### **C. Coal Creek**

There has been no change at this site and it is not currently anticipated that PSE will incur any future costs at this site. Therefore, no further updates will be provided regarding the site unless the situation changes.

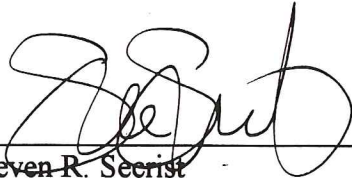
### 3. UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

The attached spreadsheet shows current and projected activity for PSE USTs. Current projections for remedial costs associated with USTs are \$1.1 million, but could change depending upon the level and impact of contamination found.

Total Remedial Costs Spent through 9/30/97 \$3,277,902.49

The information provided in this letter represents an update on all significant remedial activity currently in progress by PSE. PSE is also continuing to pursue insurance recoveries for both former WNG and former Puget Power related remedial activity. If you have any questions regarding this information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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Director - Environmental Services

#### Attachment

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## Underground Storage Tank Site Planned Improvements

1997

Site	Action*
<b>ELECTRIC SITES</b>	
Enumclaw SVC	RMV
Olympia SVC	RMD (remediation substantially completed)
Tenino SVC	RMD (remediation substantially completed)
<b>GAS SITES</b>	
Auburn Operating Base	RMV
Georgetown	RMV
Kent Operating Base	RMV
Mercer Operating Base	RMV

1998

Site	Action*
<b>ELECTRIC SITES</b>	
Bellevue GO Fuel	RMV
Bremerton SVC	RMV
Cougar Mtn Comm	RPL
Crystal Mtn.	UPGRD
Eastside Comm	RMV
Electron Gen	UPGRD
General Stores	RMV
Fleet SVC	RMV
Green Mt Comm	RPL
Kittitas SVC	UPGRD
Lynden SVC	RMV
Olympia SVC	RMD
Pt. Orchard	RMV
Puyallup SVC	RMV
Rattlesnake Comm	RPL
Vashon SVC	RMV
Whidbey SVC	RMV
<b>GAS SITES</b>	
Issaquah Operating Base	RMV
Jackson Prairie	RPL
North Operating Base	RMV
Totem Lake Operating Base	RMV

\*Action Code Definitions:

- INST - Installation - Does not include removal, remediation or restoration.
- RMD - Remediation - Includes only remediation of contamination, restoration, and reporting.
- RMV - Removal - Includes removal, remediation, and restoration but not UST installation.
- RPL - Replacement - Includes removal, remediation, installation, and restoration.
- UPGRD - Upgrade - Not remediation estimated as necessary for improvement.