

**EXH. EAB-6
DOCKETS UE-220066/UG-220067
2022 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: ED BURGESS**

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

**Docket UE-220066
Docket UG-220067**

**FIFTH EXHIBIT (NONCONFIDENTIAL) TO
THE PREFILED RESPONSE TESTIMONY OF**

ED BURGESS

**ON BEHALF OF NW ENERGY COALITION, FRONT AND CENTERED, AND
SIERRA CLUB**

JULY 28, 2022

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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NWEC DATA REQUEST NO. 089:

Re: Miscellaneous – Customer Growth

Please refer to Exhibit CAK-4, Table 3.

- a. Please explain how the forecast for additional customers was developed for years 2022 through 2025. Please provide any workpapers or studies that were used to develop these numerical projections.
- b. Please explain why the number of gas customer additions appears to decrease over time, and the number of electric customers appears to increase over time.
- c. Please explain whether PSE's "targeted electrification" efforts are reflected in the number of gas and electric customer additions. If so, please provide a detailed explanation as to how.

Response:

Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") provides the following response to NWEC Data Request No. 089.

- a. Please see PSE's Response to AWEC Data Request No. 025 and Attachment B to PSE's Response to NWEC Data Request No. 073, which is the work paper that supports correction to Table 3 in the Third Exhibit to the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Catherine A. Koch, Exh. CAK-4.
- b. Please see PSE's response to AWEC Data Request No. 026.
- c. Forecasts relative to customer requests or customer additions do not consider targeted electrification. As described in pages 43-45 of the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Joshua J. Jacobs, Exh. JJJ-1T, targeted electrification is a pathway to decarbonize customer end use sales to comply with the Washington Climate Commitment Act. However, it will take more work to understand how to incorporate this conceptual idea and climate change into PSE's business processes, including PSE's forecasting of customer requests or forecasting of new customer additions through the corporate load forecasting processes.