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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Docket Nos. UE-090704 and UG-090705
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s
2009 General Rate Case**

WUTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 264

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Referring to Electric adjustment 16.34 – Amortization of Mint Farm Deferred Costs and PSE Fourth Supplemental Response to Staff Data Request 23-WUTC-033, please provide the following:

- a) Recast of Adjustment 16.34 to include the actual variable cost deferral balance in the calculation of the adjustment using the actual data as provided in the response to Staff Data Request No. 23-033 (or later if available) and monthly estimates for the remainder of the deferral period.
- b) Adjustment 16.34 as requested in sub-part a) of this request but revised to exclude carrying cost and include an amortization period of 15 years.

Response:

- a) Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") does not have a forecast of the variable cost in sufficient enough detail to estimate the variable deferral for the remainder of the deferral period. Nonetheless, WUTC Staff possesses the actual variable cost deferral balance through November 2009 as provided in the PSE's Fourth Supplemental Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 023_WUTC-033.
- b) Attached as Attachment A to PSE's Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 264 is an MS Excel file Adjustment 16.34E Mint Farm Deferral that excluded the carrying costs and included an amortization period of 15 years. This file is equivalent to the file provided with the rebuttal filing submitted by PSE on December 17, 2009, which has been modified to remove interest and change amortization to 15 years. Attachment A is in electronic format due to the size.

Attachment A to PSE's Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 264 is CONFIDENTIAL per Protective Order in WUTC Docket No. UE-090704 and UG-090705.

**ATTACHMENT A to PSE's Response to
WUTC Staff Data Request No. 264
In electronic format only**

16.34 E

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY
AMORTIZATION MINT FARM DEFERRAL
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008
GENERAL RATE INCREASE**

LINE NO. DESCRIPTION	TEST YEAR	RATE YEAR	ADJUSTMENT
1 <u>OPERATING EXPENSE FIXED COSTS</u>			
2 AMORT MINT FARM	\$ -	\$ 3,616,473	\$ 3,616,473
3 MINT FARM DEFERRAL BALANCE	\$ (776,937)	\$ -	\$ 776,937
4 TOTAL AMORTIZATION MINT FARM	<u>(776,937)</u>	<u>3,616,473</u>	<u>4,393,410</u>
5			
6 INCREASE (DECREASE) OPERATING EXPENSES			4,393,410
7			
8 INCREASE (DECREASE) FIT	35%		<u>(1,537,694)</u>
9			
10 INCREASE (DECREASE) NOI			(2,855,717)
11			
12 <u>RATE BASE</u>			
13 MINT FARM AMA GROSS - DEF & INT.	110,252	54,282,613	\$ 54,172,361
14 MINT FARM AMA ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION	-	(\$1,806,066)	\$ (1,806,066)
15 MINT FARM AMA ACCUMULATED DEFERRED FIT	(38,583)	(\$18,366,792)	\$ (18,328,208)
16 TOTAL MINT FARM RATE BASE	<u>\$ 71,668</u>	<u>\$34,109,756</u>	<u>\$34,038,088</u>