

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. 246

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Please provide all documents relating to the recently-approved wage increase by PSE's Board of Directors for non-represented employees, as described in PSE's Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 236.

Response:

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s ("PSE") Board of Directors approved PSE's 2010 O&M and Capital budgets, which were filed with the WUTC in accordance to WAC 480-140 on November 10, 2009. No documents specific to wage increases were part of the Board's approval. The 2010 budgets were developed including a planned overall merit increase rate of 3%, supported by market data for non-represented positions. This market data was provided in the Prefiled Direct and Prefiled Rebuttal Testimonies of Thomas M. Hunt, Exhibit Nos. TMH-3C and TMH-18C.