BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND) DOCKET NO. UE-040641
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	DOCKET NO. UG-040640
Complainant,)) PETITION FOR INTERVENTION
vs.)
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,))
Respondent.)))

Seattle Steam Company ("Seattle Steam") hereby moves to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to WAC 480-09-430. In support of its petition, Seattle Steam states as follows:

1. Seattle Steam purchases natural gas transportation service from Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") under PSE Schedule 57. Any changes to these tariff rates in Docket No. UG-040640 could substantially impact Seattle Steam's business. Based on PSE's prefiled testimony and exhibits, Schedule 57 provides a "Realized Rate of Return on Net Investment" to PSE of 15.97%, compared to a negative 2.24% rate of return from Schedule 87 (Interruptible Sales Service) and a 6.38% rater of return for the gas operations overall. In spite of this disparity, PSE is proposing identical increases in the unit delivery charges for both Schedules 57 and 87, which Seattle Steam does not believe is fair, just or reasonable.

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- 2. Since PSE has both electric and gas operations, there are many services which are shared between them such as meter reading, billing, purchasing, accounting and customer service. Thus, there may become a question of the proper allocation of the costs of any shared services to be recovered in electric and gas rates. Therefore, Seattle Steam requests permission to intervene in both dockets.
- 3. At this time, Seattle Steam does not seek to modify or expand the issues before the Commission in this proceeding. Seattle Steam is not represented by any other party in this proceeding and intervention is necessary in order to adequately protect Seattle Steam's interests.
 - 4. Seattle Steam's business address is:

Seattle Steam Company 1325 Fourth Avenue Suite 1440 Seattle, Washington 98101

For Seattle Steam, copies of all pleadings, correspondence and documents filed in these proceedings should be sent to:

Robert B. Sheppard 30 Glacier Key Bellevue, Washington 98006

5. The name and address of Seattle Steam's attorneys in this proceeding are:

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6. Seattle Steam reserves its right at this time to submit written testimony and exhibits, call witnesses, cross examine witnesses called by other parties and submit written arguments and/or motions.

WHEREFORE, Seattle Steam respectfully petitions the Commission for leave to intervene in this proceeding, and the right to participate in any hearings therein.

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STATE OF WASHINGTON.	
) ss.
COUNTY OF KING)

I, Elaine L. Spencer, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

I am the attorney for Seattle Steam Company, Intervenor herein. I have read the foregoing Petition for Intervention and I hereby verify that the facts set forth therein are true to the best of my knowledge.

ELAINE L. SPENCER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 30th day of April, 2004.

(Signature)

BRENDA A. STRAUCH

(Please print name legibly)

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, residing at MAPUE MULEY.

My commission expires: 9/16/04.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this day of April, 2004, I served a copy of Petition for Intervention by mailing a copy of same via First Class Mail, postage prepaid, at Seattle, King County, Washington, pursuant to WAC 480-07-150(6), to all parties listed below who are on the official service list in Docket No. UE-040641 and UG-040640:

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