

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. 225

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Please indicate why PSE maintains that, notwithstanding that its projection of the most recent debt issue (at 5.757%) was less than that forecast by the Company, the remaining two debt issues' projected interest costs have not also declined.

Response:

As described on page 19 of the Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony of Donald E. Gaines, Exhibit No. DEG-11HCT, future interest rates remain uncertain. It seems unfair to assume that Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s ("PSE") future long-term debt issues will be priced at the same rate as what is believed to be the lowest rate PSE has ever received on 30-year debt.