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Carole Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Pk. Dr. S.W.
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: WUTC v. PSE

Docket Nos. UE-040641 & UG-040640

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Public Counsel is in receipt of PSE's Motion for Amended Standard Protective Order and "Highly Confidential" Provisions. We have questions about some of the proposed provisions, and respectfully request that parties be allowed an opportunity to respond to the motion before any order is issued. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-375(4), we suggest that the presiding officer direct that responses simply be made orally at the prehearing conference in this matter. Counsel for Staff, PSE and NWIGU representative Ms. Pyron have advised that they are in agreement with this approach.

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/Sincerely,

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