

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

PUBLIC COUNSEL DATA REQUEST NO. 536

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Reference Mr. Markell rebuttal testimony, Exhibit No. EMM-5T, p.p. 2, l. 5.

- a. Please detail and describe the "federal tax issues" contained in Staff testimony with which the Company is in general agreement.
- b. Please provide complete copies of Puget Sound Energy's annual Federal Tax returns for 2008, and quarterly Federal Tax returns for 2009. If the Company is unable to provide copies of those returns please explain why.
- c. If the Company is unable to provide the Federal Tax returns filed by Puget Sound Energy in 2008 and 2009, please provide complete copies of the annual Federal Tax returns of Puget Energy in 2008 and the quarterly Federal Tax returns of Puget Holdings, Inc. for 2009.

Response:

- a. Page 2, lines 2-4 of the Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony of Eric M. Markell, Exhibit No. EMM-5T, states:

PSE finds in the testimony of Commission Staff, some common ground with respect to PSE's proposals that are agreeable as to the methodology proposed, but not numbers.

Because this comment relates to federal tax issues, Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s ("PSE") general agreement with WUTC Staff's methodology encompasses such items as bonus depreciation for Wild Horse Expansion and deferred taxes on the Baker relicense. In addition, PSE's Federal Tax Adjustment was listed as an "uncontested adjustment" in WUTC Staff witness Michael P. Parvinen's, Exhibit No. MPP-2.

- b. Please see Attachment A to PSE's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 536 for a copy of PSE's 2008 federal tax return. PSE has not filed its 2009 tax return at this time. That return has a due date of March 15, 2010, which will likely be extended to September 15, 2010. Quarterly tax returns are not required of PSE in 2009 and have not been filed.

- c. Please see PSE's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 536(b), above. Quarterly tax returns are not required of Puget Holdings, Inc. in 2009 and have not been filed.

Attachment A to PSE's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 536 is CONFIDENTIAL per Protective Order in WUTC Docket Nos. UE-090704 and UG-090705.