

EXHIBIT NO. _____ (TMP-7)
DOCKET NOS. UE-170033/UG-170034
2017 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: THOMAS MICHAEL POWER

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-170033 and UG-170034
(Consolidated)

EXHIBIT TMP-7 TO PREFILED RESPONSE TESTIMONY
(NON-CONFIDENTIAL) OF THOMAS MICHAEL POWER
ON BEHALF OF NW ENERGY COALITION, RENEWABLE NORTHWEST, AND
NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

JUNE 30, 2017

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NWEC-RNW-NRDC DATA REQUEST NO. 011

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Given that PSE assumes that all four Colstrip units will be decommissioned and remediated at the same time, has PSE examined whether it would be advantageous to customers to plan for units 3 and 4 retirements closer to the date when units 1 and 2 are to retire, i.e., sooner than 2035, and, if it has made such an evaluation, has it considered the matter alongside regional replacement power options? Please provide any relevant materials.

Response:

No, Colstrip Units 3 and 4 are jointly owned by Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) and five other owners, and any decision on a retirement date will be a joint decision. PSE has not examined whether it would be advantageous to customers to plan for Colstrip Units 3 and 4 retirements closer to the date when Colstrip Units 1 and 2 are to retire, i.e., sooner than 2035. Colstrip Units 1 and 2 will retire on or before July 1, 2022 by a court approved consent decree related to settlement of the lawsuit brought by Sierra Club and the Montanan Environmental Information Center. No retirement date has been set for Colstrip Units 3 and 4.