BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Docket No. UE-070725 Amended Petition of Puget Sound Energy, Inc. For an Order Authorizing the Use of the Proceeds from the Sale of RECs and CFIs

PUBLIC COUNSEL DATA REQUEST NO. 042

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Reference PSE's response to Public Counsel Date Request No. 17. Please explain how the customer benefit associated with the referenced reduction in working capital will be realized before PSE's adjusts its base rates in its next rate proceeding and provide the earliest expected date by which PSE base rates will be changed after the pending rate proceeding.

Response:

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 042 depends on the final Commission order in this proceeding. It is expected that the Commission will order that some benefit associated with Renewable Energy Credits will be passed through to the customers immediately. To accomplish this, a non-general rate tariff could be used to begin immediately flowing through the Commission-ordered benefit to customers. Use of a non-general rate tariff would provide immediate customer benefit.

PSE's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 042 Date of Response: January 7, 2010 Person who Prepared the Response: Robert Williams Witness Knowledgeable About the Response: Tom DeBoer