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Dennis Moss, Administrative Law Judge Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Puget Sound Energy 2011 General Rate Case

Dockets UE-111048 and UG-111049 (Consolidated)

UTC Staff Response to Bench Request No. 13

Dear ALJ Moss:

Enclosed are an original and 18 copies of Commission Staff's Response to the Commission's Bench Request No. 13.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (360) 664-1188.

Sincerely,

ROBERT D. CEDARBAUM Assistant Attorney General

RDC:klg Enclosures

cc: Parties

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

DATE PREPARED: February 23, 2012. DOCKET: UE-111048/UG-1110489

WITNESS: RESPONDER:

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REQUESTER:

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BENCH REQUEST NO. 13:

Please provide the actual dividend payout ratio of Puget Sound Energy to its parent Puget Energy

RESPONSE:

PSE PAY OUT RATIO1

	Net Income	<u>Dividends</u>	PAYOUT RATIO
2010	\$26,095	\$186,733	716%
2009	\$159,252	\$183,071	115%
2008 ²	\$162,736	\$145,840	90%

¹ Exhibit DEC-22CX page 2 PSE SEC 10-K December 2010 page 80, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

² PSE financial results prior to the acquisition by Investor Consortium