

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Docket Nos. UG-110723
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s
Tariff filing for Pipeline Integrity Program**

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Has the company undertaken any cost/benefit studies relating to the acceleration of its pipe replacement program? If so, please provide a copy of all such studies.

Response:

No, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. has not performed a cost/benefit study related to the acceleration of its pipe replacement program. The acceleration of these replacement programs is based on improving pipeline safety by providing a process through which stakeholders, including WUTC Staff, can annually review the scope of pipeline replacement initiatives, determine mutually agreeable risk reduction objectives, and establish which pipe segments should be replaced in the following year.