BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220066, UG-220067, and UG-210918 (Consolidated)

ANDREA C. CRANE ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT

EXHIBIT ACC-8

Puget Sound Energy Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 127

July 28, 2022

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Puget Sound Energy 2022 General Rate Case

PUBLIC COUNSEL DATA REQUEST NO. 127:

RE: Performance Measures and Incentive Mechanisms, Lowry Exh MNL-1T at 24:18.

Regarding the discussion of SAIDI and SAIFI, in Exhibit MNL-1T, please explain the statement "[h]owever no targets are proposed for these metrics," and state whether this absence of PSE targets applies only to highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations.

Response:

PSE proposes targets for systemwide reliability metrics except for those that pertain to all outages. The System Average Interruption Duration Index ("SAIDI") and System Average Interruption Frequency Index ("SAIFI") for all outages are difficult for a utility to control due to their sensitivity to severe storms, wildfires, and other volatile external events. Additionally, PSE proposes no targets for the SAIDI and SAIFI of electric service to highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations. These four metrics are new, and PSE has not identified reasonable targets for them. Two of these four metrics pertain to all outages.

PSE's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 127

Date of Response: April 18, 2022

Person who Prepared the Response: Mark N. Lowry

Witness Knowledgeable About the Response: Mark N. Lowry