

Exhibit HC (KLE-13HC)
Docket U-072375
Witness: Kenneth L. Elgin
REDACTED VERSION

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of

DOCKET U-072375

**PUGET HOLDINGS LLC AND PUGET
SOUND ENERGY, INC.,**

**For an Order Authorizing Proposed
Transaction**

EXHIBIT TO TESTIMONY OF

Kenneth L. Elgin

**STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

PSE Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 1057

June 18, 2008

**HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL PER PROTECTIVE ORDER
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RE: Testimony of Christopher J. Leslie

Referring to the direct testimony of Christopher J. Leslie, Exhibit ____ (CJL-1T) page 34, lines 20-21, please identify the security ratings the Investor Consortium would expect PSE to maintain under its ownership. Provide each document in which that expectation is included.

Response:

The Investor Consortium expects Puget Sound Energy, Inc. to maintain at least an investment grade rating or better (BBB- (S&P) and Baa3 (Moody's) or better).

Attached as Attachment A to Joint Applicants' Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 1057, please find a letter, dated October 22, 2007, from Standard & Poor's ("S&P"), in which S&P states that it preliminarily anticipates that PSE's credit ratings will remain unchanged as a result of the proposed transaction.

Attached as Attachment B to Joint Applicants' Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 1057, please find a letter, dated October 19, 2007, from Moody's Investor Services ("Moody's"), in which Moody's states that it preliminarily anticipates that PSE's credit ratings will remain unchanged as a result of the proposed transaction.

Attached as Attachment C to Joint Applicants' Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 1057, please find a letter, dated December 27, 2007, from S&P.

Each of Attachment A, Attachment B, and Attachment C to Joint Applicants' Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 1057 is HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL per Protective Order in WUTC Docket No. U-072375 and per WAC 480-07-160.

Joint Applicants' Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 1057
Date of Response: February 8, 2008
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Witness Knowledgeable About the Response: Christopher J. Leslie

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