

**EXH. DJL-13
DOCKETS UE-240004/UG-240005 et al.
2024 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: DAVID J. LANDERS**

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

**Docket UE-240004
Docket UG-240005
(consolidated)**

In the Matter of the Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

**For an Accounting Order Authorizing
deferred accounting treatment of
purchased power agreement expenses
pursuant to RCW 80.28.410**

**Docket UE 230810
(consolidated)**

**THIRD EXHIBIT (NONCONFIDENTIAL) TO THE
PREFILED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF**

DAVID J. LANDERS

ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**Dockets UE-240004 & UG-240005
Puget Sound Energy
2024 General Rate Case****JEA DATA REQUEST NO. 042:****Re: Decarbonization**

Please refer to Landers Direct, Exh. DJL-1Tr, 26: Table 5, where the witness identifies the cost of the program as \$3.0 million and describes the benefit as “Learning and developing efficient transformation of the pipeline system.” Please describe what PSE means by “transformation of the pipeline system.”

Response:

Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) objects to JEA Data Request No. 042 to the extent it requests information that is publicly available or obtainable from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive. Notwithstanding these objections, and subject thereto, PSE responds as follows:

PSE’s pipeline system must continue to safely and reliably meet the needs of customers who choose natural gas as an energy resource. The Alternative Fuels Readiness program will help ensure investments in the pipeline system that are necessary today are implemented in a manner that supports delivery of lower carbon resources in the future.

One way PSE supports transformation of the pipeline system is by ensuring it can flow and support lower carbon fuels, such as hydrogen blends or increased volumes of renewable natural gas. This capability will support reduction of carbon emissions, particularly for hard to decarbonize industries and end-uses. The Alternate Fuels Readiness program is focused on pilots and demonstrations to understand customer end use impacts, prepare for workforce operational readiness, and study long-range system improvements required for increased percentages and distribution of blended fuels.

See the Fifth Exhibit to the Prefiled Direct Testimony of David J. Landers, Exh. DJL-6, page 11, line 3 through page 12, line 5, which discusses the core objectives and priorities of PSE’s Alternate Fuels Readiness Program.