

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF
RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

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REQUESTER: Puget Sound Energy

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PSE Data Request No. 033 to WUTC Staff:

RE: Rick T. Applegate Exhibit No. ___(RTA-1T), page 7, lines 20-23.

Please describe the genesis of the "broader policy" Mr. Applegate refers to with regard to a transition away from the use of the four year deferral mechanism for recovering deferred storm damage expenditures and cite to any WUTC orders in support of such a transition in the context of excess storm damage expenses.

RESPONSE:

Mr. Applegate recommends that the Commission reject PSE's proposed 4-year storm damage deferrals in this proceeding. By using the term "broader policy" Mr. Applegate means that he would recommend rejection of any 4-year storm damage deferrals proposed in a future rate proceeding under similar circumstances as the current case.

Mr. Applegate's recommendation follows aspects of the Eleventh Supplemental Order in Docket UE-921262.