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2	2022 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
3	WITNESS: NORM HANSEN
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5	BEFORE THE
6	WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
7	WASHINGTON CHEFTES AND TRANSFORMATION COMMISSION
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10	TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,
11	TRANSFORTATION COMMISSION,
12	Complainant, Docket UE-220066
13	Docket UE-220067
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16	PUGET SOUND ENERGY,
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18	Respondent
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20	PREFILED TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SETTLEMENT OF ENERGIZE EASTSIDE
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21	NORM HANSEN
22	ON BEHALF OF THE
23	COALITION OF EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS FOR SENSIBLE ENERGY
24	(CENSE)
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20		I. INTRODUCTION
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23	Q.	Please state your name, business address, and position with CENSE
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25	A.	My name is Norm Hansen. My business address is 3851 136th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA
26		98005. I have served on the Board for CENSE since 2015. Since April of 2022 I have
27		served as the President of CENSE and Representative for CENSE in this proceeding.
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29	Q.	BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR BACKGROUND
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31	A.	I have a BSEE from Michigan State University. I have been involved in (a) the PSE
32		Community Advisory Group, (b) PSE Integrated Resource Plan Technical Member, (c)
33		Bellevue's Annual PSE Reliability Workshop Review, (d) Bridle Trails Community Club
34		Board Member serving 10,000 residents in Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond. My
35		Professional business experience is: Retired 30 year Boeing Engineering Manager.

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2 Q. Is anyone else providing cross answering testimony for CENSE at this time?

A. Yes, Mr. Lauckhart is also filing testimony in opposition to settlement of Energize Eastside for CENSE at this time. I will be providing background on CENSE, its activities over the years and the costs that have been incurred to date. These CENSE activities and costs have provided the background for Mr. Lauckhart's testimony for CENSE in this case.

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II. HISTORY OF CENSE INVOLVEMENT IN ENERGIZE EASTSIDE

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Q. PLEASE PROVIDE A HISTORY OF CENSE INVOLVMENT IN ENERGIZE

EASTSIDE

A. The Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy (CENSE) is a nonprofit 13 organization established in 2014 with the mission of representing the public interest in 14 15 the processing and permitting of Energize Eastside. We are an entirely volunteer organization with no paid staff. We have raised and spent over \$725,000 over the last 8 16 years in representing the public interest in four Energize Eastside land use hearings in the 17 18 cities of Renton, Newcastle, South Bellevue and Redmond. We became an intervenor in 19 this rate case and filed for a grant of \$80,000. However, we were only granted \$15,000. 20 This grant resulted in insufficient funds to pursue the Energize Eastside rate case with 21 legal assistance. We currently have very limited funds after pursuing four land use permit 22 hearings.

We have strived to obtain data for verification of the need for Energize Eastside. PSE has consistently declined to provide that information either directly or in their IRP and

permitting proceedings. Our Expert, Richard Lauckhart, has received CEII security 1 clearance from FERC but has been refused by PSE three times without justification. 2 Transparency is needed to serve the public interest and PSE accountability. 3 In 2014 PSE could have requested a permit from EFSEC (Energy Facility Site Evaluation 4 Council). Instead PSE choose to proceed with the arduous journey of time and 5 6 substantial economic and labor expense. It has been our experience that Cities and the 7 Courts do not have the technical expertise to rule on a technical basis. In addition, PSE seemingly had a conflict of interest in paying for and editing expert witness reports, such 8 9 as the Newcastle Synapse Report (Testimony RL-1T, Page 18, Lines 34 and 35). The estimated cost of Energize Eastside has mushroomed from \$43,000,000 in 2011 to 10 over \$300,000,000 today. All this could have been avoided by applying to EFSEC. 11 The PSE Board of Directors should have known to expedite the 12 month EFSEC process 12 for a permit decision. This would have resulted if there was a need for the project by 13 14 EFSEC expert review. This would have best served the public interest. 15 16 III. PRUDENCE RECOMMENDATION 17 18

Q. WHAT IS THE PRUDENCE RECOMMENDATION OF CENSE IN THIS CASE?

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The WUTC Staff should have authorized their own technical need load flow study for Energize Eastside prior to the signing of the Settlement Agreement. This accountability and transparency is needed to satisfy the public interest of all 1.1 million PSE electrical rate payers.

1		Mr. Lauckhart provides additional expert Prudency Recommendation of CENSE in this
2		proceeding
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4	Q.	Does this conclude your prefiled testimony in opposition to settlement of energize
5		eastside?
6	A.	Yes it does.
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