

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

Respondent.

DOCKET NOS. UE-190529 and UG-190530 (*Consolidated*)

PAUL J. ALVAREZ ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT

EXHIBIT PJA-4

Puget Sound Energy Response to
Public Counsel Data Request No. 70 (First Revised Response)

November 22, 2019

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Dockets UE-190529 & UG-190530
Puget Sound Energy
2019 General Rate Case**

PUBLIC COUNSEL DATA REQUEST NO. 070:

Please refer to Puget Sound Energy witness Catherine A. Koch, Exh. CAK-4 at 1:12 (the AMI testimony, which indicates that AMI electric meters and gas module installation began in 2018).

Provide the book value as of June 30, 2018, for all assets expected to be replaced by the AMI project, including existing electric meters, gas modules, AMR network components, and all other in-service assets associated with the existing electric and gas metering and meter reading systems. Describe if and how PSE proposes to recover the cost of these assets from customers.

Response:

The June 30, 2018 net book value for the requested assets are shown below. PSE purchased the AMR gas modules and the network equipment for \$1 from Landis & Gyr in 2016. The \$1 was attributed to the gas modules and \$0 was attributed to the AMR network equipment at the time of purchase. The net book value of the AMR network equipment shown below represents investments made in the network equipment since the original purchase.

Electric AMR meters:	\$102,819,163
Gas AMR modules:	\$ 7,997,347
AMR Network equipment:	\$ 182,520

The above assets will continue to depreciate under the currently approved depreciation rates until they are replaced which is consistent with standard accounting and regulatory practices. Any potential over or under depreciation will be adjusted in the next depreciation study, which will be subject to Commission approval.

First Revised Response:

Because at June 20, 2018, Puget Sound Energy's ("PSE") fixed asset accounting system records gas Automated Meter Reading ("AMR") modules in the same depreciation group as its gas AMR meters under FERC subaccount 382, PSE pulled the information for its Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 070 using a field titled

“retirement unit” which contains the information necessary to distinguish PSE’s gas AMR modules from its gas AMR meters. Certain retirement units that should have been selected were inadvertently excluded from the report used for the original response. When including all appropriate retirement units, the net book value for gas AMR modules is \$23,803,411.