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October 30, 2007

Ms. Martha Brandon

Re: Proposed Sale of Puget Sound Energy

Dear Ms. Brandon:

The Governor's Office asked me to respond to your inquiry regarding the regarding the proposed sale of Puget Sound Energy (PSE). As you observe, the utility announced its proposal to be acquired by an investment group on October 26, 2007.

State law requires that this transaction will require approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC). The UTC will review the proposal and hold a hearing to provide an opportunity for members of the public to express their opinions concerning the proposed sale. PSE has yet to file a formal request for the necessary approvals, so a hearing date has not yet been set. The UTC will add your name to the list of interested persons so that you will receive notification of the hearing date, time and location.

Thank you again for your inquiry and for your interest in the electric utilities that serve customers in Washington.

Sincerely,

David W. Danner

**Executive Director** 

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From: Sent:

Phillips. Brendan (GOV)

To:

Monday, October 29, 2007 2:03 PM

Moen, Nancy (UTC)

Subject:

GOV'S E-MAIL REFERRAL #728979

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### Comments:

Energy

I am attaching the Seattle Times article that a foreign company is buying the state's energy company. This is very disturbing. We should own our own energy. Why does this company have the right to sell the public energy to a foreign company?

Canadian investors buying Puget Energy, state's largest utility By The Associated Press

A group of Canadian investors is buying Puget Sound Energy, the state's largest private utility.

Puget Energy, the parent company, says the consortium is paying a 25 percent premium over vesterday's closing stock price.

The deal is subject to the approval of shareholders and regulators but the company expects it to close in the second half of 2008. The headquarters will remain in Bellevue and Steve Reynolds will remain as CEO with current management and employees.

Puget Sound Energy has more than one million electricity customers and 721,000 natural gas customers in 11 counties, mostly in Western Washington.

The buyers group is led by Macquarie Infrastructure Partners, the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, and British Columbia Investment Management Corporation.

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