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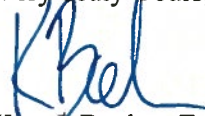
Re: Docket No. UE-161123

Dear Mr. King:

Enclosed please find the original and six (6) copies of THE KROGER CO. ON BEHALF FRED MEYER STORES AND QUALITY FOOD CENTERS' ANSWER IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF NORTHWEST AND INTERMOUNTAIN POWER PRODUCERS COALITION. Please note that we also filed the above via electronic mail on same date.

By copy of this letter, all parties listed on the Certificate of Service have been electronically served. Please place this document of file.

Very Truly Yours,



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Enclosures

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**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

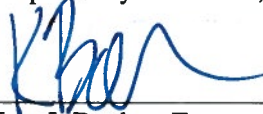
<p>WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Complainant</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Respondent</p>	<p>: : : : : : : : : : :</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. UE-161123</p> <p>ANSWER IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF NORTHWEST AND INTERMOUNTAIN POWER PRODUCERS COALITION</p>
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Pursuant to Washington Administrative Code 480-07-810(3), Kroger Co. submits this Answer in Support of the Petition for Administrative Review of an Interlocutory Order Denying Intervention of the Northwest and Intermountain Power Producers Coalition (“NIPPC”).

Kroger supports NIPPC’s Petition and agrees with NIPPC that the Commission and parties will benefit from NIPPC’s participation in the proceeding. NIPPC’s members are active participants in the Pacific Northwest and Western energy markets and would bring expertise in identifying issues faced by power suppliers and retail wheeling customers. Granting the intervention of NIPPC is in the public interest because the input of NIPPC could contribute to a more successfully designed Schedule 451.

DATED this 12th day of December, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,




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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the parties listed on the attached Certificate of Service by regular U.S. mail and electronic mail (when available) this 12th day of December, 2016.



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