**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  Complainantvs.PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC. Respondent | :::::::: | DOCKET NO. UE-161123ANSWER IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF NORTHWEST AND INTERMOUNTAIN POWER PRODUCERS COALITION |

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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