

**EXHIBIT NO. _____ (PMR-4)
DOCKETS UE-170033/UG-170034
2017 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: PATRICK M. RISKEN**

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

**Docket UE-170033
Docket UG-170034**

**EXHIBIT PMR-4 TO THE
CROSS-ANSWERING TESTIMONY OF
PATRICK M. RISKEN
ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
NON-CONFIDENTIAL**

August 9, 2017

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NWEC-RNW-NRDC DATA REQUEST NO. 006

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If, at the time of actual work to decommission and remediate Colstrip units 1 and 2, it is determined that the retirement account PSE is proposing to establish in this docket is insufficient to cover the costs associated with decommissioning and remediating Colstrip units 1 and 2, what funds will be utilized by PSE to fully fund remediation and decommissioning? Please also explain any regulatory implications of this possibility.

Response:

With both the remaining balance of the Hydro Treasury Grants and the production tax credits designated for the Colstrip Units 1 and 2 retirement account, PSE anticipates this will be sufficient to cover the costs associated with decommissioning and remediation based on the current estimated decommissioning and remediation costs.

However, should the balances prove to be inadequate to fully fund the decommissioning and remediation costs associated with Colstrip Units 1 and 2, the unrecovered costs would be considered regulatory assets that would need to be recovered from customers over a future time period.