

**EXHIBIT NO. _____ (PMR-5)
DOCKETS UE-170033/UG-170034
2017 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: PATRICK M. RISKEN**

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

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

**EXHIBIT PMR-5 TO THE
CROSS-ANSWERING TESTIMONY OF
PATRICK M. RISKEN
ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
NON-CONFIDENTIAL**

August 9, 2017

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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NWEC-RNW-NRDC DATA REQUEST NO. 007

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How and when will PSE know with a reasonably high degree of certainty the cost for decommissioning and remediation of Colstrip units 1 and 2?

Response:

Costs will continue to be refined up to the point that remediation begins in 2022. There are many factors that can alter the costs over the next several years, including changes in environmental rules/regulations, legal interpretations of the rules that are currently in place, labor costs for remediation and decommissioning, materials and contract costs, and potential new methods for remediation. As Puget Sound Energy moves forward towards closure of Colstrip Units 1 and 2, the costs will be updated as necessary in future proceedings.