

**EXH. PKW-14C
DOCKET UE-20____
2020 PSE PCORC
WITNESS: PAUL K. WETHERBEE**

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

Docket UE-20____

**THIRTEENTH EXHIBIT (CONFIDENTIAL) TO THE
PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF**

PAUL K. WETHERBEE

ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY

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VERSION**

DECEMBER 9, 2020

Puget Sound Energy

Rate Year Resources Inputs Summary

Thermal Resources

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Resource	Heat rate (Btu/kWh)	Capacity (MW) ¹	Duct fire capacity (% of total)	Duct fire heat rate (Btu/kWh)	Variable O&M		Forced outage rate (%)	Min capacity (%)	Min up time (hrs)	Min down time (hrs)	Heat rate at min (Btu/kWh)	Start-up fuel (MMBtu/MW/st art)	Start-up cost (\$/MW/start) nominal \$ ^{2,3}	Average fuel price nominal (\$/MMBtu ²)	Average variable transport nominal (\$/MMBtu ²)	Average total fuel cost 2020 (\$/MMBtu ⁴)	Colstrip line loss %
					nominal (\$/MMWh ³)	major maintenance variable O&M 2020 (\$/MMWh ⁴)											
Ferdale		271	10.0														n/a
Goldendale		300	6.7														n/a
Mint Farm		314	10.8														n/a
Sumas		123	0														n/a
Freddy ¹		134	7.1														n/a
Encogen		166	0														n/a
Fredonia 1		104	0														n/a
Fredonia 2		104	0														n/a
Fredonia 3		55	0														n/a
Fredonia 4		55	0														n/a
Frederickson 1		74	0														n/a
Frederickson 2		74	0														n/a
Whitehorn 2		74	0														n/a
Whitehorn 3		74	0														n/a
Colstrip 3		185	n/a														n/a
Colstrip 4		185	n/a														n/a

Bold text in column headings indicates values are actual inputs in the AURORA model

1. Only PSE's portion of capacity shown for shared resources Colstrip and Freddy 1

2. Fuel prices and Costrip variable O&M nominal values are expressed in 2021/2022 dollars. All other nominal values are in 2020 dollars.

3. Major Maintenance inputs for Fredonia 3&4 were expressed on a \$/start basis in 2019 GRC. Change o \$/MMWh more closely aligns with how costs are actually incurred for these units.

4. The AURORA economic base year is 2020. Values expressed in nominal dollars are de-escalated using the AURORA escalation rate of 2.5% prior to model input.

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Rate Year Resources Inputs Summary**

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Resource	Heat rate (Btu/kWh)			Capacity (MW) ¹	Duct fire capacity % of total	Duct fire heat rate (Btu/kWh)	Variable O&M nominal \$/MMWh ²		Forced outage rate (%)	Min capacity (%)	Min up time (hrs)	Min down time (hrs)	Heat rate at min (Btu/kWh)	Start-up fuel (MMBtu /MW/st art)		Start-up cost (\$/MW/start) \$2012 ³ nominal \$ ²	Average fuel price nominal \$/MMBtu ²	Average variable transport nominal \$/MMBtu ²	Average total fuel cost 2012 \$/MMBtu ³	Colstrip line loss %		
	Heat rate (Btu/kWh)	Heat rate (Btu/kWh)	Heat rate (Btu/kWh)				Variable O&M nominal \$/MMWh ²	Total variable O&M 2012 \$/MMWh ³						Start-up fuel (MMBtu /MW/st art)	Start-up cost (\$/MW/start) nominal \$ ²							
Ferndale				271	10.0																n/a	
Goldendale				300	6.7																	n/a
Mint Farm				314	10.8																	n/a
Sumas				123	n/a																	n/a
Freddy1				134	7.1																	n/a
Encogen				166	n/a																	n/a
Fredonia 1				104	n/a																	n/a
Fredonia 2				104	n/a																	n/a
Fredonia 3				55	n/a																	n/a
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Rate Year Resources Inputs Summary
Thermal Resources**

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Changes (positive values indicate an increase relative to the 2019 GRC, negative values a decrease)

Resource	Heat rate (Btu/kWh)	Capacity (MW)	Duct fire capacity % of total	Duct fire heat rate (Btu/kWh)	Variable O&M nominal \$/MWh	Major maintenance nominal \$/MWh	Total variable O&M 2020 \$/MWh	Forced outage rate (%)	Min capacity (%)	Min up time (hrs)	Min down time (hrs)	Heat rate at min (Btu/kWh)	Start-up fuel (MMBtu /MW/st art)	Start-up cost (\$/MW/start nominal \$)	Start-up cost (\$/MW/start) 2020	Average fuel price nominal \$/MMBtu	Average variable transport nominal \$/MMBtu	Average total fuel cost 2020 \$/MMBtu	Colstrip line loss %	
Ferndale		0	0.0																	
Goldendale		0	0.0																	
Mint Farm		0	0.0																	
Sumas		0	-																	
Freddy1		0	0.0																	
Encogen		0	-																	
Fredonia 1		0	-																	
Fredonia 2		0	-																	
Fredonia 3		0	-																	
Fredonia 4		0	-																	
Frederickson 1		0	-																	
Frederickson 2		0	-																	
Whitehorn 2		0	-																	
Whitehorn 3		0	-																	
Colstrip 3		0	-																	
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Rate Year Resource Inputs Summary
Hydro and Wind

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2020 PCORC					
Resource	Capacity (MW)	Capacity factor (%)	Monthly energy volume source	Hourly shape assumption	Available capacity, average (MW) ¹
Upper Baker	105.0		80-yr inflows, PSE model ¹	Optimized per AURORA logic	75.9
Lower Baker	111.2		80-yr inflows, PSE model	Flat ³	n/a
Snoqualmie Falls	46.9		80-yr inflows, PSE model	Flat ³	n/a
Mid C Wells	199.5 ²	64.3%	80-yr inflows, regional study ⁴	Optimized per AURORA logic	180.1
Mid C Rocky Reach	319.9	57.2%	80-yr inflows, regional study ⁴	Optimized per AURORA logic	277.0
Mid C Rock Island	155.9	48.8%	80-yr inflows, regional study ⁴	Optimized per AURORA logic	110.1
Mid C Priest Rapids Project	99.1	55.0%	80-yr inflows, regional study ⁴	Optimized per AURORA logic	83.8
Lower Snake River	342.7		2016 Vaisala study	AURORA default hourly shape	n/a
Hopkins Ridge	156.6		2016 Vaisala study	AURORA default hourly shape	n/a
Wild Horse	228.6		2016 Vaisala study	AURORA default hourly shape	n/a
Wild Horse Expansion	44.0		2016 Vaisala study	AURORA default hourly shape	n/a

1. Applicable only to hydro resources used for operating reserves
2. Rate-year average. PSE's actual share and associated capacity varies seasonally.
3. Some daily/hourly shaping is still performed by AURORA in order to smooth transitions between months/days
4. AURORA output energy volume/capacity factor will generally be lower than input when a hydro resource provides operating reserves. The optimization logic will spill hydro energy if/when it is the lower cost solution compared to adjusting thermal resource output.

2019 GRC					
Resource	Capacity (MW)	Capacity factor (%)	Monthly energy volume source	Hourly shape assumption	Available capacity, average (MW) ¹
Upper Baker	105.0		80-yr inflows, PSE model ⁴	Optimized per AURORA logic	90.8
Lower Baker	111.2		80-yr inflows, PSE model	Flat ³	n/a
Snoqualmie Falls	46.9		80-yr inflows, PSE model	Flat ³	n/a
Mid C Wells	141.62	63.6%	80-yr inflows, regional study ⁴	Optimized per AURORA logic	135.1
Mid C Rocky Reach	319.9	57.2%	80-yr inflows, regional study ⁴	Optimized per AURORA logic	276.9
Mid C Rock Island	155.9	48.8%	80-yr inflows, regional study ⁴	Optimized per AURORA logic	129.3
Mid C Priest Rapids Project	12.8	55.0%	80-yr inflows, regional study ⁴	Optimized per AURORA logic	12.2
Lower Snake River	342.7		2016 Vaisala study	AURORA default hourly shape	n/a
Hopkins Ridge	156.6		2016 Vaisala study	AURORA default hourly shape	n/a
Wild Horse	228.6		2016 Vaisala study	AURORA default hourly shape	n/a
Wild Horse Expansion	44.0		2016 Vaisala study	AURORA default hourly shape	n/a

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Changes (positive values indicate an increase relative to the 2019 GRC, negative values a decrease)					
Resource	Capacity (MW)	Capacity factor (%)	Monthly energy volume source	Hourly shape assumption	Available capacity, average (MW)
Upper Baker	0.0		No change	No change	(14.9)
Lower Baker	0.0		No change	Updated to reflect operational constraints	n/a
Snoqualmie Falls	0.0		No change	No change	n/a
Mid C Wells	57.9	0.7%	No change	No change	45.0
Mid C Rocky Reach	0.0	0.0%	No change	No change	0.1
Mid C Rock Island	0.0	0.0%	No change	No change	(19.2)
Mid C Priest Rapids Project	86.3	0.0%	No change	No change	71.6
Lower Snake River	0.0		Updated to more recent estimates	Updated to include full range of output	n/a
Hopkins Ridge	0.0		Updated to more recent estimates	Updated to include full range of output	n/a
Wild Horse	0.0		Updated to more recent estimates	Updated to include full range of output	n/a
Wild Horse Expansion	0.0		Updated to more recent estimates	Updated to include full range of output	n/a

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Rate Year Resource Inputs Summary
 Power Purchase Agreements

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2020 PCORC						
Contract name	Resource type	Contract price, average (\$/MWh)	Contract capacity (MW)	Rate year energy (aMW)	Monthly shape/volume assumption	Hourly shape assumption
Centralia coal PPA	coal		380			
Klondike III wind PPA	wind		50		Owner-provided forecast	12 month X 24 hour average
Electron Hydro PPA	hydro		24		Owner-provided forecast	Flat
Baker Replacement	system	\$0.00	7	0.8	1,750 MWh/mo. Nov.-Feb. per contract	All on-peak
PG&E Exchange	system	\$0.00	+/-300	0.0	Historical average	Historical average on-peak/off-peak allocation
Point Roberts (BC Hydro)	system	\$53.40	3	2.4	Historical average	Flat
QF Koma Kulshan	hydro	\$84.47	12	4.7	Historical average	Flat
QF Twin Falls	hydro	\$75.00	20	8.2	Historical average	Flat
QF Weeks Falls	hydro	\$75.00	5	1.5	Historical average	Flat
Canadian Entitlement	hydro/system	\$0.00	-27	-22.4	Calculated estimate per agreement	All on-peak
Schedule 91 contracts	various	\$77.88	41	17.6	Owner/developer-provided estimates	Flat
Golden Hills Bridge	wind	\$42.70	150	13.7	150 MW Jan-Feb	All on-peak
Energy Keepers	hydro	\$47.50	40	40.0	Flat	Flat
SPI Biomass ¹	biomass	\$42.93	17	15.0	Flat @ 92.5% historical availability	Flat
Morgan Stanley PPA	system	\$47.45	100	13.6	100 MW Jan-Mar	All on-peak
BPA Capacity Contract ²	system	n/a	100	0.0	\$7.75/kW-month charge Jan-May	No energy assumed, priced at market + premium

1. Capacity reduced to 12 MW in May and June for outages.

2. No energy assumed in model for BPA capacity contract - priced at market price + premium. Only monthly capacity charge included in costs.

2019 GRC						
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Centralia coal PPA	coal		380			
Klondike III wind PPA	wind		50		Owner-provided forecast	12 month X 24 hour average
Electron Hydro PPA	hydro		21		Owner-provided forecast	Flat
Baker Replacement	system	\$0.00	7	0.8	1,750 MWh/mo. Nov.-Feb. per contract	All on-peak
PG&E Exchange	system	\$0.00	+/-300	0.0	Historical average	Historical average on-peak/off-peak allocation
Point Roberts (BC Hydro)	system	\$80.00	3	2.4	Historical average	Flat
QF Koma Kulshan	hydro	\$82.53	12	4.6	Historical average	Flat
QF Twin Falls	hydro	\$75.00	20	8.2	Historical average	Flat
QF Weeks Falls	hydro	\$75.00	5	1.5	Historical average	Flat
Canadian Entitlement	hydro/system	\$0.00	-27	-15.6	Calculated estimate per agreement	All on-peak
Schedule 91 contracts	various	\$78.20	53	24.1	Owner/developer-provided estimates	Flat

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Contract name	Resource type	Contract price, average (\$/MWh)	Contract capacity (MW)	Rate year energy (aMW)	Monthly shape/volume assumption	Hourly shape assumption
Centralia coal PPA	coal		0			
Klondike III wind PPA	wind		0		Updated to more recent estimate	No change
Electron Hydro PPA	hydro		3		No change	No change
Baker Replacement	system	\$0.00	0	0.00	No change	No change
PG&E Exchange	system	\$0.00	0	0.00	No change	No change
Point Roberts (BC Hydro)	system	(\$26.60)	0	(0.01)	No change	No change
QF Koma Kulshan	hydro	\$1.94	0	0.13	No change	No change
QF Twin Falls	hydro	\$0.00	0	(0.00)	No change	No change
QF Weeks Falls	hydro	\$0.00	0	(0.00)	No change	No change
Canadian Entitlement	hydro/system	\$0.00	0	(6.85)	No change	No change
Schedule 91 contracts	various	(\$0.32)	(12)	(6.49)	No change	No change
Golden Hills Bridge	wind	\$42.70	150	13.70	150 MW Jan-Feb	All on-peak
Energy Keepers	hydro	\$47.50	40	40.00	Flat	Flat
SPI Biomass	biomass	\$42.93	17	14.95	Flat @ 92.5% historical availability	Flat
Morgan Stanley PPA	system	\$47.45	100	13.59	100 MW Jan-Mar	All on-peak
BPA Capacity Contract	system	n/a	100	0.00	\$7.75/kW-month charge Jan-May	No energy assumed, priced at market + premium

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