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Renewable Northwest Project

RE: Comments on Docket UE-031353, Puget Sound Energy's Request for Proposals for Wind Power Resources

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Thank you for your consideration of these brief comments on Puget's Request for Proposal (RFP) for wind power. The Renewable Northwest Project (RNP) is a regional non-profit advocating for wind, solar and geothermal resources in the Pacific Northwest.

We participated in Puget's Least Cost Plan public process and we fully support their goal to meet 10% of their supply needs with renewable resources over the next ten years. Our current message to utilities in the region is: Planning is Good, Doing is Better. This RFP represents the first important step to implementing the LCP and delivering the benefits of wind power to Puget customers.

Today closes the Commission's public comment period for the wind RFP. We encourage the Commission at this point to expedite their review of the RFP to allow Puget to move forward with the acquisition process. Puget has outlined an ambitious schedule for their RFP in order to attempt to qualify for the bonus depreciation provided by Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. An accelerated review by the UTC will help Puget meet its RFP schedule.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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