

**EXH. KJB-25
DOCKETS UE-170033/UG-170034
2017 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: KATHERINE J. BARNARD**

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

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

**EIGHTH EXHIBIT (NONCONFIDENTIAL) TO THE
PREFILED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF**

KATHERINE J. BARNARD

ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY

AUGUST 9, 2017

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF
RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

DATE PREPARED: July 19, 2017
DOCKETS: UE-170033/UG-170034
REQUESTER: PSE

WITNESS: Chris McGuire
RESPONDER: Chris McGuire
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REQUEST NO. 17:

Please reference lines 7 and 8 on page 8 of the Response Testimony of Mr. Chris R. McGuire, Exh. CRM-1T. In light of the fact that Mr. McGuire is not recommending changes to PSE's electric depreciation study adjustment beyond PSE's treatment of Colstrip Units 1 and 2, please explain why WUTC Staff's proposed depreciation expense for Colstrip Units 3 and 4 of \$10,574,933 differs from the \$14,811,307 proposed by PSE?

RESPONSE:

The difference is due to a misstated composite remaining life for Colstrip Units 3 and 4 in Staff's work papers. The composite remaining life for Colstrip Units 3 and 4 should be the composite lives as shown in Barnard work paper 6 06E Depr Study 17GRC, and not the composite lives used in Staff's work papers. Staff inadvertently saved a version of its work papers in which it was estimating the effect of adjusting the expected remaining lives for units 3 and 4. Staff did not contest PSE's proposed estimated closure date of 2035, and so the composite remaining lives should not have been changed for those units (relative to the composite lives found in PSE's depreciation study work papers). Staff will file errata in which it will correct the misstated composite remaining lives for Colstrip Units 3 and 4.