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Docket No. U-072375

Witness: Nancy E. Hirsh

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of

PUGET HOLDINGS LLC

and

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

For an Order Authorizing Proposed Transaction

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EXHIBIT TO TESTIMONY OF

NANCY E. HIRSH

ON BEHALF OF NW ENERGY COALITION

Response to NWECA Data Request No. 2.13

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NEWC DATA REQUEST NO. 02.13

NWEC DATA REQUEST NO. 02.13:

According to recent PSE documents, *e.g.*, the company's 2005 IRP (Chapter VIII, page 21, final paragraph), PSE had at one time a target of meeting 10% of its customers' load with new renewable resources by 2013. Is this still PSE's target? If not, please state PSE's current target and explain why the target has changed.

Response:

Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") still has a target to meet 10% of its customer load with new renewable resources by 2013. PSE's 2007 integrated resource process ("IRP") analysis reflected that goal as a step along the way to meeting the full 15% of load requirement by 2020 under the Energy Independence Act, Chapter 19.285 RCW. PSE expects to grow into the requirements of the Energy Independence Act as those requirements ramp at a steady, disciplined pace to avoid boom-bust construction/contracting cycles. As a regulated utility, PSE's actual resource acquisitions will reflect its obligation to meet the Commission's prudence standards for acquisition of resources.