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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMMENT
(Due Monday, December 11, 2017)

RE: *Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy v. Puget Sound Energy*,
Docket UE-171083

TO ALL PARTIES:

On October 25, 2017, the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy (CENSE) contacted the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to initiate a formal complaint (Complaint) against Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company). CENSE would like to explore a Distribution Automation solution to increase reliability in East Bellevue as an alternative to the imminent Lake Hills-Phantom Lake Transmission line and has hired a consultant to analyze the feasibility of that solution. CENSE requires system data from PSE to complete the study and alleges that PSE has failed to respond to the consultant's requests for that data.

On October 30, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice Converting Informal Complaint to Formal Complaint; Calling for Answer; and Initiating Adjudicative Proceeding (Notice). The Notice set the deadline for PSE to respond to CENSE's complaint for November 20, 2017.

On November 20, 2017, PSE filed with the Commission a response to the Complaint (Response). In its Response, the Company states, among other things, that it has responded to CENSE's consultant, but that the information requested includes confidential information, that PSE has not agreed to engage in informal discovery, and that formal discovery is not available under the circumstances presented. PSE further claims that CENSE fails to state a claim on which the Commission can grant relief and lacks standing to request the relief it seeks. PSE requests that the Commission dismiss the Complaint.

The Commission requests that the parties comment on the extent to which the Commission has jurisdiction and authority to grant the relief requested in the Complaint, including but not limited to the remedies the Commission could provide under the facts alleged. The parties should submit these comments by December 11, 2017.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Commission requests the parties provide comment on the Commission's jurisdiction and authority no later than Monday, December 11, 2017.

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge