

**Exh. JHJ-3
Dockets UE-220066, UG-220067,
UG-210918
Witness: Jacque Hawkins-Jones**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

**DOCKETS UE-220066, UG-220067,
UG-210918 (Consolidated)**

In the Matter of the Petition of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

**For an Order Authorizing Deferred
Accounting Treatment for Puget Sound
Energy's Share of Costs Associated with
the Tacoma LNG Facility**

EXHIBIT TO RESPONSE TESTIMONY OF

JACQUE HAWKINS-JONES

**STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

PSE Response to Staff Data Request 314

December 8, 2023

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Dockets UE-220066 & UG-220067
Puget Sound Energy
2022 General Rate Case**

WUTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 314:

REQUESTED BY: Jeff Robertson

RE: 220066/220067 PSE Petition to Amend Final Order Settlement

1. The estimated number of customers who are members of vulnerable populations
2. The estimated number of customers who are members of highly impacted communities
3. The estimated number of customers who are energy burdened
4. The estimated number of customers who are low-income and members of vulnerable populations
5. The estimated number of customers who are low-income and members of highly impacted communities
6. The estimated number of customers who are low-income and energy burdened
7. The estimated number of customers who are low-income and members of vulnerable populations and also members of highly impacted communities
8. The estimated number of customers who are low-income and energy burdened and also members of vulnerable populations
9. The estimated number of customers who are low-income and energy burdened and also members of highly impacted communities
10. The estimated number of customers who are low-income and energy burdened and also members of vulnerable populations and also members of highly impacted communities

Response:

Below please find a table with estimates for the metrics referenced and requested in WUTC Staff Data Request No. 314, labeled in the same order, 1-10. Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) provides such data for active residential customers as of October 22, 2023. For metrics that reference vulnerable populations (1, 4, 7, 8, and 10), PSE has disaggregated the customer count by Vulnerability Label (High Vulnerability, Medium Vulnerability, and Low Vulnerability Populations).¹ For metrics that do not reference

¹ Defined in RCW 19.405.020(40). *See also*, PSE’s 2021 Clean Energy Implementation Plan (“CEIP”) Chapter 3 for more information: [2022_0201_Chapter3.pdf \(cdn-website.com\)](#). “...every PSE electric service area block group [is assigned] a low, medium, or high [vulnerability] classification.” (p. 71).

vulnerable populations (2, 3, 5, 6, and 9), PSE presents the requested value under the “Count” column, as there is no need to disaggregate by Vulnerability label.

PSE defines Highly Impacted Communities pursuant to the Clean Energy Transformation Act (“CETA”).² Here, PSE defined low-income customers as customers who are either estimated low-income or known low-income. Estimated low-income customers include those who are estimated to be at or below the greater of either 80% Area Median Income or 200% Federal Poverty Level.³ Known low-income customers include those who received PSE HELP or LIHEAP within the past 24 months.⁴ PSE defined energy-burdened customers as those who have an estimated energy burden > 6%.⁵

Table 1:

Question Number	Count	High Vulnerability Population	Medium Vulnerability Population	Low Vulnerability Population
1	-	503,567	528,807	465,835
2	381,181	-	-	-
3	200,147	-	-	-
4	-	278,149	213,617	140,100
5	200,277	-	-	-
6	192,028	-	-	-
7	-	139,330	45,742	15,205
8	-	89,132	63,319	39,347
9	66,278	-	-	-
10	-	46,609	14,716	4,953

² Defined in RCW 19.405.020(23). Also see PSE’s 2021 Clean Energy Implementation Plan (“CEIP”) Chapter 3 for more information: [2022_0201_Chapter3.pdf \(cdn-website.com\)](https://cdn-website.com/2022_0201_Chapter3.pdf).

³ Defined in RCW 19.405.020(25).

⁴ PSE HELP stands for PSE’s Home Energy Lifeline Program (HELP). LIHEAP stands for the federally-funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

⁵ Washington Department of Commerce. Guidelines for RCW 19.405.120. Version 03.09.2020. <<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Guidelines-for-19.405.120.pdf>>