

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220066 and UG-220067
(Consolidated)

CROSS EXAMINATION EXHIBIT FOR JACQUE M. HAWKINS-JONES
ON BEHALF OF THE ENERGY PROJECT

EXHIBIT JHJ-__X

Staff Response to The Energy Project’s Data Request No. 1

January 11, 2024

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF
RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

DATE PREPARED: December 14, 2023
DOCKETS: UE-220066-67
REQUESTER: The Energy Project

WITNESS: Jacque M. Hawkins-Jones
RESPONDER: Jacque M. Hawkins-Jones

REQUEST NO. 1:

Re: Response Testimony of Jacque M. Hawkins-Jones, Exh. JHJ-1T

Reference: Stokes, Exh. SNS-1T at 33:24-31.

Term 4 of TEP's alternative proposal states:

Self-declaration of residential household membership in any of the following protected groups will prevent threats of disconnection and disconnection. PSE will include in dunning outreach to residential customers a description of how to self-declare.

- a. Child under 5
- b. Vulnerable senior as defined in RCW 74.34.020(21)(a).
- c. Renter at risk of becoming homeless due to disconnection
- d. Medical need for utility service

Does Commission Staff support term 4 of TEP's alternative proposal?

RESPONSE:

Yes. As stated in my testimony, equitable concerns should inform any determination of the public interest when those concerns touch on a utility's rates, services, or practices. Term 4 of TEP's alternative proposal is aimed at some of the equitable concerns that Staff addressed in its own proposal regarding PSE's petition (such as the equitable treatment of low-income customers) and Staff supports protecting those identified in TEP's term 4 through the mechanism laid out by TEP.