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RE: Docket U-180680
*In the Matter of the Joint Application of Puget Sound Energy et al., For an Order
Authorizing Proposed Sales of Indirect Interests in Puget Sound Energy*
Our File No. 3293-104

Dear Mr. Johnson,

We write to object to the request to the proposed schedule suggested by the settling parties, which would set a hearing date for February 8, 2019, rather than the March 1, 2019 date the parties had previously agreed upon. Counsel for WNIDCL currently has an oral argument scheduled for February 8, 2019. Further, WNIDCL's witnesses have planned their schedules around previously ordered March 1, 2019 date. As a non-settling party, WNIDCL retains the right to present its own evidence. WAC 480-07-740. Changing the agreed upon hearing date without first ensuring that all non-settling parties' witnesses are able to participate would prejudice the non-settling parties. Likewise, non-settling parties retain the right to present argument in opposition to the settlement. The settling parties' proposed schedule does not leave non-settling parties a meaningful opportunity to present evidence and testimony in opposition to the settlement.

As the non-settling parties have not articulated any reason why the schedule must be accelerated by three weeks, and such an acceleration would prejudice the rights of non-settling parties including WNIDCL, we request that the previously agreed upon schedule that the ALJs have ordered in this case remain in place. In particular, WNIDCL requests that the March 1, 2019 hearing date remain in place.

Sincerely,

Danielle Franco-Malone
Counsel for WNIDCL

cc: All Parties