

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220066, UG-220067
AND UE-210918

(Consolidated)

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT
EXHIBIT

BENCH REQUEST NO. 11

- I. The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General’s Office (Public Counsel) hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit Bench Request No. 11 (BR-11) for admission into the record for this proceeding in consolidated Dockets UE-220066, UG-220067, and UE-210918 concerning the Puget Sound Energy’s (Company) Petition to Amend Final Order 24. On January 19, 2024, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC or Commission) issued a Notice of Virtual Public Comment Hearing (Notice), which was scheduled for 6 p.m. on February 8, 2024.¹ The Commission and Public Counsel both receive and compile remarks from customers in response to the Company’s Customer Notice.² Customers can provide comments to Public Counsel via email or phone call. In addition, customers can also comment directly with

¹ Comm’n Notice of Virtual Public Comment Hearing (filed Jan. 19, 2024).

² See WAC 480-90-197, WAC 480-100-197. The Company is required to notify customers at least 30 days prior to the date of the relevant public comment hearing.

the Commission through its online comment web portal, calling into their office, or by emailing them.

2. Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-11. The Commission's Consumer Protection and Communications Staff documented 210 customer comments in a database matrix. The output from this database is included in .pdf format as Attachment 1 to this exhibit. In addition, one customer provided an attachment to their emailed comments, this is included as Attachment 2. These files contain all comments submitted to the Commission.³ The Public Counsel Unit received 30 comments either through email or by phone, and these comments are included in Attachment 3.⁴ In addition, Public Counsel is also supplying an accumulative tally that totals their received comments and compares them to ones received by the Commission. For the totality of evidence we have included all comments received by Public Counsel in Attachment 3, however we excluded the duplicative comments from the count listed below.⁵
3. The database matrix in Attachment 1 contains all comments submitted to the Commission through their online web portal, via email, or by phone in response to the Notice up to the

³ UTC Comment Matrix, Attachment 1 (UTC Comment Matrix). David Simpson included an attachment with his e-mail noted in the UTC Matrix, this is included as Attachment 2.

⁴ Public Counsel, Attachments 3 (PCU Emails & Phone Calls).

⁵ Public Counsel Bench Request No. 11 Workpaper (PCU Tally). Duplicative constituent comments submitted to both Public Counsel and the Commission include those from: Crystal, Richard Egan, Garrett Garris, Darrel Gunderson, ibtapps@comcast.com, Janis K. Wheeler, Rod and Dulcie Carson, Marcia Due, Brigitta Jones, Tandi McAlister, Linda Fluke, Peggy Shekem, Tina Champeaux, Murat Shekem, Jeff Phillips, Julie Dication, and Ali Al Hashe. All. In addition, Larry Jensen submitted comments to both the Commission and Public Counsel, however, Public Counsel received the constituent comments after the Public Comment period of February 9, 2024, set by the Commission at the Public Comment Hearing held on February 8, 2024. Mr. Jensen's comment is included in Attachment 3, but is not reflected in Public Counsel's count listed below or in the Tally Workpaper.

February 9, 2024 close of the comment period set by the Commission during the Public Comment Hearing.⁶

4. The Commission provided the output shown in Attachment 1 to Public Counsel on February 14, 2024. The counts from the UTC Matrix, Attachment 1, and Public Counsel’s phone and email comments, Attachment 3, is further detailed below.

5. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

a. Comments received by WUTC

Opposing PSE Amendment	150
Supporting PSE Amendment	53
Undecided PSE Amendment	7

b. Commence received by Public Counsel


Opposing PSE Amendment	13
Supporting PSE Amendment	0
Undecided PSE Amendment	0
Duplicative Comments	17

6. Public Counsel submits 223 total and unique public comments in this exhibit, Bench Request No. 11. Of these, 163 oppose the UTC’s approval of the Company’s Petition to Amend Final Order 24 and 53 support it. Seven (7) neither oppose nor support the UTC’s approval. We only count each commenter once, and this is reflected in the total number of submitted comments.

⁶ Comm’n Notice of Virtual Public Comment Hearing.

DATED at Seattle, Washington this 15th day of February, 2024.

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