

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF  
RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

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REQUESTER: The Energy Project

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**REQUEST NO. 4:**

**RE: Testimony of Jason L. Ball, Exhibit JLB-1T, at 24:15-19 to 25:1-3.**

Does Mr. Ball agree that the cross-customer subsidization he describes in testimony would not be present if the Commission determines that all “fixed customer-related expenses” are being recovered in the PSE’s current customer charge and that line transformers are not appropriately included. If not, why not?

**RESPONSE:**

Yes. However, as discussed in my direct testimony, line transformers are important customer specific installations that are directly related to customer counts. Further, the costs of these facilities do not vary with monthly energy usage and are standardized – similar to meters. Line transformers are a customer specific-cost that should be included in the basic charge for recovery.