

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION****Dockets UE-170033 and UG-170034  
Puget Sound Energy  
2017 General Rate Case****PUBLIC COUNSEL DATA REQUEST NO. 470****PUBLIC COUNSEL DATA REQUEST NO. 470:****Re: Rebuttal Testimony of Daniel Doyle, Exh. DAD-7T at 24:6-10 (Smaller and More Predictable Rate Increases).**

At page 24, Mr. Doyle states, "Finally, the Electric Cost Recovery Mechanism takes advantage of one of the significant benefits from the rate plan: it imparts smaller and more predictable annual rate increases on customers and eliminates the need to include much larger accumulated amounts of rate base and depreciation expense in a general rate case or expedited rate filing." Please respond to the following:

- a. Does Mr. Doyle or PSE contend that its ratepayers desire paying smaller, more predictable and more frequent rate increases sooner, compared to less frequent and larger rate increases later?
- b. Please identify and describe each survey, study, analysis, workpaper or other analysis that was undertaken by or for PSE to support your response to part a.
- c. Provide complete copies of all documents referenced in your response to part (b).

**Response:**

- a. The referenced portion of the Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony of Daniel A. Doyle, Exhibit DAD-7T, sets forth Mr. Doyle's observation and experience, based on over 35 years of involvement with ratepayers and the ratemaking process in multiple jurisdictions, that ratepayers and utility commissions prefer smaller, more predictable, and more frequent rate increases versus less frequent and larger increases.
- b. Not applicable.
- c. Not applicable.