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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Steven Fenwick <fenwizard@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 24, 2013 8:17 PM
To: UTC DL Records Center
Subject: RE: Comments on Puget Sound Energy Integrated Resource Plan (UE-1:

Aug 24, 2013

Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) WA

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Sincerely,

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Aug 24, 2013

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Hank Walker <walkerhank@hotmail.com>
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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Raechel Wright <raechel_murphy@hotmail.com>
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