

**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. 475**

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**Re: Rebuttal Testimony of Katherine J. Barnard, Exh. KJB-17T at 8:16-17 (Rate Impacts).**

Ms. Barnard claims that the overall rate impact to customers represents, “a decrease in natural gas rates and a modest increase in electric rates considering the depreciation study.” Please respond to the following:

- a. What does Ms. Barnard believe the overall actual net rate impact to customers will be, in terms of percentage of total revenues, if the Company receives all of the electric and gas rate relief it has requested?
- b. How is your response to part (a) changed “considering the depreciation study” and why is it believed to be significant in evaluating rate impacts?
- c. Provide calculations and assumption statements supporting your responses to parts (a) and (b).

**Response:**

- a) Puget Sound Energy’s (“PSE”) proposed net increase in electric rates is \$58.3 million as referenced in the Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony of Katherine J. Barnard, Exhibit KJB-17T, on page 2 lines 12 through 14, which is \$10 million less than PSE’s supplemental filing. The \$58.3 million, which includes the revenue requirement associated with the proposed Electric Cost Recovery Mechanism, represents an approximate 2.7% increase in overall electric rates. The proposed net decrease in natural gas rates is \$29.4 million as referenced in the Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony of Susan E. Free, Exhibit SEF-12T, page 2, lines 11 and 12. The \$29.4 million represents an approximate 3.2% decrease in overall natural gas rates.

- b) The revenue requirement impact associated with PSE's proposed electric depreciation study adjustment represents \$54.0 million, which is more than 90% of the overall increase.
  
- c) The figures and calculation associated with the proposed revenue requirement changes are fully supported in the direct and rebuttal testimonies of Ms. Barnard and Ms. Free. The calculation of the \$54.0 million or revenue requirement associated with the electric depreciation study is included in Attachment A to PSE's Response to Public Council Data Request No. 477.