WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

DATE PREPARED: July 24, 2017 WITNESS: Thomas E. Schooley DOCKETS: UE-170033/UG-170034 RESPONDER: Thomas E. Schooley REQUESTER: Public Counsel TELEPHONE: (360) 664-1307

REQUEST NO. 7:

Re: Direct Testimony of Thomas Schooley, Exhibit TES-1T at 30:22 (Formalized ERF)

At page 30, Mr. Schooley recommends that the Commission, "Approve some form of an expedited rate filing." Please clarify whether the "form" of an expedited rate filing that is being recommended should be the result of evidence presented and considered by the Commission in Docket A-130355 or instead be the specific ERF parameters that are being recommended by PSE in the pending rate cases. Explain the basis for your response and provide copies of any supporting analyses, comparisons, workpapers and other supporting documentation.

RESPONSE:

Mr. Schooley's position is that the Commission should make a determination in the ongoing rulemaking in Docket A-130355, and, in the interim, formalize the status quo established in PSE's previous Dockets UE-130137/UG-130138. Either result, whether from a rulemaking or from an order, accomplishes PSE's request for formalized procedures from the Commission. It is this assurance that gives PSE, or another utility, the ability to file an expedited or limited-issue rate filing.