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RE: Natural Gas Cost of Service

For each contract in the natural gas customer class “contracts”, please provide the following information:

- a) Origination date of the contract;
- b) Length and Expiration Date of the contract;
- c) Internal Rate of Return, if applicable;
- d) Revenue to Cost Ratio, if applicable;
- e) Parity Ratio, if applicable; and
- f) Any economic feasibility study or determination made by the Company concerning the contract.

Response:

There is one special contract in the natural gas customer class “contracts.”

- a) The special contract agreement was originally signed between parties on February 27, 1995.
- b) The initial term of the original agreement was 20 years. Revision seven to the special contract agreement, approved in 2009 in WUTC Docket UG-950392, extended the agreement term to 40 years, or through 2035.
- c) Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) does not calculate the internal rate of return for this natural gas special contract class and, therefore, is not applicable.

- d) Please refer to page 1, lines 35 and 37, column (j) in Exhibit No. ____ (JAP-8) to the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Jon A. Piliaris. Line 35 shows the revenue-to-cost ratio for the natural gas special contract class is 0.56 at current rates, excluding gas costs. Line 37 shows the revenue-to-cost ratio for the natural gas special contract class is 0.59 at proposed rates, excluding gas costs.
- e) Please refer to page 1, line 36, column (j) in Exhibit No. ____ (JAP-8) to the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Jon A. Piliaris. The parity ratio for the natural gas special contract class is 0.59 at the proposed rates, excluding gas costs.
- f) Attached as Attachment A to PSE's Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 444 is a PDF copy of the economic feasibility study PSE (formerly "Washington Natural Gas Company") filed in WUTC Docket UG-950392 in support of its original filing.

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**ATTACHMENT A
(PAGES 4-9) TO EXHIBIT
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