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**Subject:** Complaint: PSE stonewalling data needed for study

Dear Commissioners,

The citizen group CENSE would like to file a complaint with the Commission regarding PSE's lack of response to our consultant's request for system data in East Bellevue (see the email thread below). We have asked our consultant, Michael Ropp of Northern Plains Power Technologies, to study a Distribution Automation solution to increase reliability in East Bellevue, as an alternative to the Lake Hills-Phantom Lake Transmission Line mentioned in Chapter 8 of PSE's 2017 IRP.

PSE has refused to study this alternative despite requests from CENSE during the past several years. Since PSE is in the final stages of permitting for the transmission line, we have an urgent need to complete this study and answer these long-standing questions before PSE starts cutting 300 trees in an area of East Bellevue that was specifically designed to have no visible utility infrastructure. PSE's vice president Andy Wappler has specifically told city council members that the CENSE solution cannot work, but has provided no study to prove this point.

Unfortunately, our consultant cannot prove or disprove the feasibility of our alternative unless PSE provides data on the system topology. **We implore the UTC to require PSE to provide the data or do the study itself in a transparent manner that can be verified by our consultant.**

For the sake of our residents, and for the sake of PSE in future rate cases to recover the costs of this investment, please do not delay in providing guidance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Don Marsh, President  
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**From:** Don Marsh

**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2017 9:57 AM

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**Cc:** 'Michael Ropp' <[michael.ropp@northernplainspower.com](mailto:michael.ropp@northernplainspower.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Request for modeling data for Lake Hills and Phantom Lake substations

Dear Mr. Parker,

You received Michael Ropp's inquiry below almost a week ago. We have gotten no response from PSE. Our request has some urgency, because we would like to submit results of our study as part of our comments on PSE's Integrated Resource Plan which mentions the Lake Hills project in Chapter 8.

We would welcome the opportunity to work cooperatively with PSE on this study. However, if we do not receive a satisfactory response by Wednesday afternoon, we will file a complaint with the UTC. We hope that won't be necessary.

Sincerely,

Don Marsh

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**Subject:** Request for modeling data for Lake Hills and Phantom Lake substations

Mr. Parker:

My name is Michael Ropp, and as Don Marsh mentioned earlier I have been retained to perform an analysis of the feasibility of a distribution automation/FLISR solution for the distribution circuits served by the Lake Hills and Phantom Lake substations. To perform that study, we need data on these circuits with which we can build a simulation model.

I expect the first thing we will need to do is to execute a nondisclosure agreement with Puget Sound Energy, so if you could please send me your MNDA form, that would be appreciated. Will you also require a CEII form?

Once we have that paperwork in place, what we would need is the circuit database files for the circuits served by these two substations. It sounds like this would be a total of eight circuits. Does PSE have its distribution circuits modeled in CYME? If not, could you let me know what software you use?

Thank you very much for your help with this. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am at the Western Protective Relay Conference at the moment but I will be watching my email.

--Mike

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