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VIA EMAIL AND US MAIL

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

**Re: WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.,
Docket UE-072300 and UG-072301**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In response to the Motion for Amended Protective Order with Highly Confidential Provisions filed in the above-referenced dockets by Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") on December 3, 2007 ("the Motion"), Judge Rendahl requested that PSE contact all parties to PSE's 2006 general rate case and confirm that they have no objections to the minor revisions that were made to the protective order that was attached as Exhibit A to the Motion ("Protective Order").

On behalf of PSE, I contacted the parties on Monday, December 10 and requested their input on the proposed Protective Order. I asked that all input be provided by Wednesday, December 12. At the request of Mr. Ffitch, I extended the time for responding to Thursday, December 13, and have accepted additional comments Thursday and today. The revisions and comments I received are as follows:

Mr. Cedarbaum, representing Commission Staff, requested minor changes to paragraphs 15 and 33 of the protective order. Mr. Furuta, representing the Federal Executive Agencies, also recommended revisions to paragraph 33. These revisions have been made and incorporated into the revised proposed protective order that is being filed with this letter.

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Mr. Ffitch, representing public counsel, and Mr. Van Cleve, representing ICNU, did not object to the protective order, but they, along with Mr. Cedarbaum, note the following caveats:

We have a continuing concern about over-designation of material as confidential and expect that PSE will closely adhere to the requirements on this issue. By agreeing here, we waive no objections to specific confidential or highly confidential designations. Secondly, we remain concerned about the unduly restrictive impact of the Exhibit C restrictions on our ability to retain consultants in these cases. We are still in the process of putting together our consultant team, and we reserve the right to move to seek amendments to the protective order, should we encounter problems in this area.

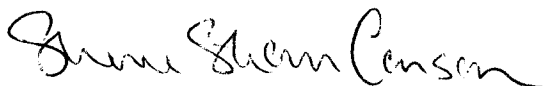
PSE intends to closely adhere to the requirements of the protective order, and as in the past, when concerns are expressed by other parties regarding "confidential" or "highly confidential" designation on specific documents, PSE will re-examine those documents and work closely with the parties to resolve the concerns.

The remaining parties either indicated that they had no objection to the protective order or did not respond to my email

Accordingly, PSE requests that Exhibit A to the Motion be replaced with the protective order attached hereto and titled "Exhibit A (Revised)."

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

cc: Tom DeBoer
2006 General Rate Case Service List (via email)