EXHIBIT NO. ___(RG-43)
DOCKET NO. UE-09___/UG-09___
2009 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: ROGER GARRATT

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	
Complainant,	
v.	Docket No. UE-09 Docket No. UG-09
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,	
Respondent.	

FORTY-SECOND EXHIBIT (NONCONFIDENTIAL) TO THE PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ROGER GARRATT ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

GUARANTEE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS LIMITED

This GUARANTEE (this "<u>Guarantee</u>"), dated as of April 6, 2009, is issued by Renewable Energy Systems Limited, a company organized and existing under the laws of England ("<u>Guarantor</u>") in favor of Puget Sound Energy, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington ("<u>Company</u>").

Pursuant to Section 5.6 of that certain Balance of Plant Agreement, dated as of April 6 2009 (as the same may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, the "Agreement"), by and between Company and RES America Construction Inc., a Delaware corporation, of which Guarantor is the indirect parent ("Subsidiary"), and pursuant to which Guarantor will indirectly benefit from the terms and conditions thereof, and the performance by Subsidiary of its obligations thereunder, and consideration in the amount of £1 the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Guarantor hereby covenants and agrees with Company as follows:

Section 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have their respective meanings as set forth in the Agreement.

Section 2. Guarantee.

Guarantee. Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees to and (a) for the benefit of Company, the full and prompt performance and payment by Subsidiary of each and every obligation of Subsidiary arising under the Agreement up to the limitations set forth in the Agreement, including, without limitation, the payment when due of all indemnities, refunds and liquidated damages payable at any time under the Agreement (the "Guaranteed Obligations"). The Guaranteed Obligations shall further include, without limitation, (i) interest accruing as part of the Guaranteed Obligations according to the terms thereof following the commencement by or against the Subsidiary of any case or proceeding under any Applicable Law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, winding-up, liquidation, dissolution or composition or adjustment of debt and (ii) all reasonable costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), if any, incurred in successfully enforcing Company's rights under this Guarantee. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Guarantee, the maximum aggregate liability of the Guarantor in respect of all amounts claimed under or pursuant to this Guarantee shall at no time exceed Twenty-Two Million Three Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Forty-Three Dollars (\$22,362,043.00) subject to the additions and deductions resulting from Change Orders as provided in the Agreement; and provided that any amounts recovered under any insurance policy in respect of third party claims for which the Subsidiary is obligated to indemnify the Company under the Agreement shall not be counted in determining whether such maximum aggregate liability amount has been reached. Guarantor further agrees that if Subsidiary shall fail to pay or perform in full when due all or any part of the Guaranteed Obligations, Guarantor will immediately pay or perform (or procure the payment or performance of) the same upon demand, up to the limitations set forth in the Agreement. This Guarantee is irrevocable and unconditional in nature and is made with respect to any Guaranteed Obligations now existing or hereafter arising and shall remain in full force and effect until the earlier of (i) the time when in accordance with the terms of the Agreement all of the Guaranteed

Obligations are fully satisfied and discharged; and (ii) except in respect of claims hereunder notified prior to such date, one (1) year following the expiration of the Warranty Period.

- (b) Nature of Guarantee. The Guarantee and the obligations of Guarantor hereunder shall continue to be effective or be automatically reinstated, as the case may be, even if at any time payment of any of the Guaranteed Obligations is rendered unenforceable or is rescinded or must otherwise be returned by Company upon the occurrence of any action or event including, without limitation, the bankruptcy, reorganization, winding-up, liquidation, dissolution or insolvency of the Subsidiary, Guarantor, any other Person or otherwise, all as though the payment had not been made.
- (c) <u>Absolute Guarantee</u>. Guarantor agrees that its obligations under this Guarantee are irrevocable, absolute, independent and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance that constitutes a legal or equitable discharge of a guarantor or surety other than payment and performance in full of the Guaranteed Obligations. In furtherance of the foregoing and without limiting the generality thereof, Guarantor agrees, subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, as follows:
- (i) this Guarantee is a guarantee of payment and performance when due and not of collectibility;
- Company may from time to time in accordance with the terms of the (ii) Agreement, without notice or demand and without affecting the validity or enforceability of this Guarantee or giving rise to any limitation, impairment or discharge of Guarantor's liability hereunder, (A) renew, extend, accelerate or otherwise change the time, place, manner or terms of payment or performance of the Guaranteed Obligations, (B) settle, compromise, release or discharge, or accept or refuse any offer of performance with respect to, or substitutions for, the Guaranteed Obligations or any agreement relating thereto and/or subordinate the payment or performance of the same to the payment or performance of any other obligations, (C) request and accept other guaranties of or security for the Guaranteed Obligations and take and hold security for the payment or performance of this Guarantee or the Guaranteed Obligations, (D) release, exchange, compromise, subordinate or modify, with or without consideration, any security for payment or performance of the Guaranteed Obligations, any other guarantees of the Guaranteed Obligations, or any other obligation of any person with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations, (E) enforce and apply any security now or hereafter held by or for the benefit of Company in respect of this Guarantee or the Guaranteed Obligations and direct the order or manner of sale thereof, or exercise any other right or remedy that Company may have against any such security, as Company in its discretion may determine consistent with the Agreement and any applicable security agreement, and even though such action operates to impair or extinguish any right of reimbursement or subrogation or any other right or remedy of Guarantor against Subsidiary or any other guaranter of the Guaranteed Obligations or any other guarantee of or security for the Guaranteed Obligations, and (F) exercise any other rights available to Company under the Agreement, at law or in equity; and
- (iii) this Guarantee and the obligations of Guarantor hereunder shall be valid and enforceable and shall not be subject to any limitation, impairment or discharge for any reason (other than payment or performance in full of the Guaranteed Obligations and otherwise

as set forth in this Guarantee), including, without limitation, the occurrence of any of the following, whether or not Guarantor shall have had notice or knowledge of any of them: (A) any failure to assert or enforce, or agreement not to assert or enforce, or the stay or enjoining, by order of court, by operation of law or otherwise, of the exercise or enforcement of, any claim or demand or any right, power or remedy with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations or any agreement relating thereto, or with respect to any other guarantee of or security for the payment or performance of the Guaranteed Obligations; (B) any waiver, amendment or modification of, or any consent to departure from, any of the terms or provisions of the Agreement or any agreement or instrument executed pursuant thereto or of any other guarantee or security for the Guaranteed Obligations; (C) the Guaranteed Obligations, or any agreement relating thereto, at any time being found to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any respect; (D) the personal or corporate incapacity of any person; (E) any change in the financial condition, or the bankruptcy, administration, receivership or insolvency of Subsidiary or any other person, or any rejection, release, stay or discharge of Subsidiary's or any other person's obligations in connection with any bankruptcy, administration, receivership or similar proceeding or otherwise or any disallowance of all or any portion of any claim by Company, its successors or permitted assigns in connection with any such proceeding; (F) any change in the corporate existence of, or cessation of existence of, Guarantor or the Subsidiary (whether by way of merger, amalgamation, transfer, sale, lease or otherwise); (G) the failure to create, preserve, validate, perfect or protect any security interest granted to, or in favor of, any person; (H) any substitution, modification, exchange, release, settlement or compromise of any security or collateral for or guaranty of any of the Guaranteed Obligations or failure to apply such security or collateral or failure to enforce such guaranty; (I) the existence of any claim, set-off, or other rights which Guarantor or any affiliate thereof may have at any time against Company or any affiliate thereof in connection with any matter unrelated to the Agreement; and (J) any other act or thing or omission, or delay to do any other act or thing, which may or might in any manner or to any extent vary the risk of Guarantor as an obligor in respect of the Guaranteed Obligations.

- (d) <u>Currency</u>. All payments made by Guarantor hereunder shall be made in U.S. dollars in immediately available funds. Notwithstanding Guarantor's obligation to make all payment in U.S. dollars, if any payment is made in another currency then, to the extent that the amount received, when converted falls short of the amount due under this Guarantee, Guarantor shall remain liable to Company in respect of the shortfall in accordance with the terms hereof.
- (e) <u>Defenses</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Guarantor specifically reserves to itself all rights, counterclaims and other defenses that the Subsidiary is or may be entitled to arising from or out of the Agreement, except for any defenses arising out of the bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or liquidation of the Subsidiary, the lack of power or authority of the Subsidiary to enter into the Agreement and to perform its obligations thereunder, or the lack of validity or enforceability of the Subsidiary's obligations under the Agreement or any transaction thereunder.

Section 3. Other Provisions of the Guarantee.

(a) <u>Waivers by Guarantor</u>. Guarantor hereby waives for the benefit of Company, to the maximum extent permitted by Applicable Law:

- (i) any right to require Company, as a condition of payment or performance by Guarantor, to (A) proceed against or exhaust its remedies against Subsidiary or any person, including any other guarantor of the Guaranteed Obligations, or (B) proceed against or exhaust any security held from any person other than the Subsidiary, including any other guarantor of the Guaranteed Obligations;
- (ii) subject to Clause 2(e), any defense arising by reason of the incapacity, lack of authority or any disability or other defense of Subsidiary including, without limitation, any defense based on or arising out of the lack of validity or the unenforceability of the Guaranteed Obligations or any agreement or instrument relating thereto or by reason of the cessation of the liability of Subsidiary from any cause other than payment or performance in full of the Guaranteed Obligations or termination of this Guarantee in accordance with its terms;
- (iii) any requirement that Company protect, secure, perfect or insure any security interest or lien or any property subject thereto;
- (iv) notices of default under the Agreement, notices of any renewal, extension or modification of the Guaranteed Obligations or any agreement related thereto, and any right to consent to any thereof.
- **Deferral of Subrogation**. Until such time as the Guaranteed Obligations have been paid or performed in full, notwithstanding any payment made by Guarantor hereunder or the receipt of any amounts by Company with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations, (i) Guarantor (on behalf of itself, its successors and assigns, including any surety) hereby expressly agrees not to exercise any right, nor assert the impairment of such rights, it may have to be subrogated to any of the rights of Company against Subsidiary or against any other collateral security held by Company for the payment or performance of the Guaranteed Obligations, (ii) Guarantor agrees that it will not seek any reimbursement from Company in respect of payments or performance made by Guarantor in connection with the Guaranteed Obligations, or amounts realized by Company in connection with the Guaranteed Obligations and (iii) Guarantor shall not claim or prove in a liquidation or other insolvency proceeding of the Subsidiary in competition with the Company. If any amount shall be paid to Guarantor on account of such subrogation rights at any time when all of the Guaranteed Obligations shall not have been paid in full or otherwise fully satisfied, such amount shall be held in trust by Guarantor for the benefit of Company and shall forthwith be paid to Company, to be credited and applied to the Guaranteed Obligations.
- **Section 4.** Representations and Warranties of Guarantor. Guarantor hereby represents, warrants, and undertakes to Company as follows:
- (a) Guarantor is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization.
- **(b)** Guarantor has full power, authority and legal right to execute and deliver this Guarantee and all other instruments, documents and agreements required by the provisions of this Guarantee to be executed, delivered and performed by Guarantor, and to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder.

- The execution, delivery and performance of this Guarantee and all other instruments, documents and agreements required by the provisions of this Guarantee to be executed, delivered and performed by Guarantor have been duly authorized by all necessary company action on the part of Guarantor and do not contravene or conflict with Guarantor's memorandum and articles of association.
- This Guarantee and all other instruments, documents and agreements required by the provisions of this Guarantee to be executed, delivered and performed by Guarantor have been duly executed and delivered by Guarantor and constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of Guarantor, enforceable against it in accordance with their respective terms.
- (e) Neither the execution and delivery of this Guarantee nor the performance of the terms and conditions hereof by Guarantor shall result in (i) a violation or breach of, or a default under, or a right to accelerate, terminate or amend, any contract, commitment or other obligation to which Guarantor is a party or is subject or by which any of its assets are bound, or (ii) a violation by Guarantor of any Applicable Law, except, in either case for such violations, breaches, defaults or rights as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the ability of Guarantor to perform its obligations under this Guarantee.
- There are no actions, suits, investigations, proceedings, condemnations, or audits by or before any court or other Governmental or Regulatory Authority or any arbitration proceeding pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against or affecting Guarantor, its properties, or its assets that, if adversely determined, would reasonably be expected to have a material and adverse effect on Guarantor's ability to perform its obligations under this Guarantee.
- All necessary action has been taken under the laws of England to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Guarantee and to make this Guarantee admissible in evidence in England. No governmental approvals or other consents, approvals, or notices of or to any person are required in connection with the execution, delivery, performance by Guarantor, or the validity or enforceability, of this Guarantee.
- Section 5. Notices. All notices, demands, instructions, waivers, consents, or other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing in the English language and shall be sent by personal delivery, courier, certified mail or facsimile, to the following addresses:

If to Guarantor: (a)

Renewable Energy Systems Limited Beaufort Court Egg Farm Lane Kings Langley Hertfordshire WD4 8LR United Kingdom Attention: Managing Director

Facsimile: 01144 1923 299299

(b) If to Company:

Puget Sound Energy, Inc. 10885 NE 4th Street Bellevue, WA 98004-5591 Facsimile No. (425) 462-3300 Attention: General Counsel

The addresses and facsimile numbers of either party for notices given pursuant to this Guarantee may be changed by means of a written notice given to the other party at least fifteen (15) Business Days (being a day on which clearing banks are generally open for business in the jurisdiction of the party to whom a notice is sent) prior to the effective date of such change. Any notice required or authorized to be given hereunder shall be in writing (unless otherwise provided) and shall be served (i) personally, (ii) by reputable express courier service or (iii) by facsimile transmission addressed to the relevant Person at the address stated below or at any other address notified by that Person as its address for service. Any notice so given personally shall be deemed to have been served on delivery, any notice so given by express courier service shall be deemed to have been served the next Business Day after the same shall have been delivered to the intended Person, and any notice so given by facsimile transmission shall be deemed to have been served on dispatch unless dispatched after the recipient's normal business hours on a Business Day or dispatched on any day other than a Business Day, in which case such notice shall be deemed to have been delivered on the next Business Day. As proof of such service it shall be sufficient to produce a receipt showing personal service, the receipt of a reputable courier company showing the correct address of the addressee or an activity report of the sender's facsimile machine showing the correct facsimile number of the Person on whom notice is served and the correct number of pages transmitted.

Section 6. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- (a) Waiver; Remedies Cumulative. No failure on the part of Company to exercise, and no delay on the part of Company in exercising, any right or remedy, in whole or in part hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof. No single or partial exercise of any right or remedy shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or remedy. No waiver by Company shall be effective unless it is in writing and such writing expressly states that it is intended to constitute such waiver. Any waiver given by Company of any right, power or remedy in any one instance shall be effective only in that specific instance and only for the purpose for which given, and will not be construed as a waiver of any right, power or remedy on any future occasion. The rights and remedies of Company herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by Applicable Law.
- (b) <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Guarantee shall be binding upon the successors of Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of Company and its successors and permitted assigns. Guarantor shall not assign or transfer all or any part of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of Company. Any purported assignment or delegation without such written consent shall be null and void. Company may assign its rights and obligations hereunder to any assignee of its rights under the Agreement permitted in accordance with the Agreement.

No other persons shall be a beneficiary of this Guarantee or have or acquire any rights by reason of this Guarantee.

- (c) <u>Amendment</u>. This Guarantee may not be modified, amended, terminated or revoked, in whole or in part, except by an agreement in writing signed by Company and Guarantor.
- (d) <u>Termination, Limits and Release</u>. Upon the earlier of (i) the time when in accordance with the terms of the Agreement all of the Guaranteed Obligations are fully satisfied and discharged and (ii) except in respect of claims hereunder notified prior to such date, one (1) year following the expiration of the Warranty Period, then, and only then, this Guarantee shall automatically be released and shall be of no further force and effect; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect. Other than as set forth in the previous sentence, no release of this Guarantee shall be valid unless executed by Company and delivered to Guarantor.

(e) Law and Jurisdiction.

- (i) This Guarantee is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English Law, without regard for any principles of conflicts of law that would direct or permit the application of the law of any other jurisdiction.
- (ii) The parties hereto irrevocably agree that the courts of England shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any suit, action or proceeding, and to settle any dispute, which may arise out of or in connection with this Guarantee, and for such purposes hereby irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of such courts; <u>provided</u> that for the purpose only of enforcement of any judgment of the courts of England and Wales the jurisdiction of such courts shall be non-exclusive.
- (f) <u>Survival</u>. All representations and warranties made in this Guarantee and by Guarantor in any other instrument, document, and agreement delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith shall survive the execution and delivery of this Guarantee.
- (g) <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Guarantee that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. Where provisions of law or regulation resulting in such prohibition or unenforceability may be waived they are hereby waived by Guarantor and Company to the full extent permitted by law so that this Guarantee shall be deemed a valid binding agreement in each case enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- (h) <u>Third Party Rights</u>. A person who is not a party to this Guarantee has no rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Guarantee.
- (i) <u>Counterparts; Facsimile Signatures</u>. This Guarantee may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signatures delivered by facsimile shall be deemed to be original signatures.

In Witness whereof, Guarantor has duly executed this Guarantee on the day and year first before written.

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