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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITY OF SEATAC,

Petitioner,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

Docket No. UE-010891
Consolidated

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CITY OF CLYDE HILL,

Petitioner,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

Docket No. UE-011027
Consolidated

DECLARATION OF TOM GUT

Tom Gut, declares as follows:

1. I am currently employed as the Assistant Engineering Manager for the City of SeaTac. I have held this position for approximately two years. Previously, I held the position as Project Engineer II for the City of SeaTac for approximately four years. The main difference

1 between these two positions is that supervisory responsibilities are an additional function of the
2 Assistant Engineering Manager position. I am a registered Civil Engineer in the State of
3 Washington.

4 2. I primarily serve as the project manager on numerous capital improvement projects.

5 My duties as project manager include:
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- 7 • Manage engineering consultants hired by the City to develop plans for street
8 improvement projects.
- 9 • Supervise technicians and engineers assigned to various street improvement
10 projects in the City's Engineering Division.
- 11 • Coordinate utility work necessary to be incorporated into City street improvement
12 projects.
- 13 • Manage construction contracts for the City's street improvement projects.
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15 3. The City is currently engaged in a street improvement project at South 170th Street
16 between 37th Avenue South and Military Road South ("170th Street Project"). The 170th Street
17 Project consists of widening South 170th Street and adding curbs, gutters, sidewalks, a flashing
18 beacon at 40th Avenue South, street illumination, and storm drainage facilities. The project requires
19 conversion of all utilities to underground, including PSE's overhead electric facilities. The City
20 issued its Notice to Proceed to the contractor on the 170th Street Project on July 11, 2001 to be
21 effective on July 12, 2001.
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23 4. The conversion area for the 170th Street Project is exclusively residential. All
24 properties adjoining the project area are currently zoned residential and are designated residential in
25 the City's Comprehensive Plan. In fact, both current zoning and comprehensive plan designations
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1 are single family. The City records show that there are no current business licenses have been issued
2 within the conversion area. The City of SeaTac Comprehensive Plan Map is attached as Exhibit A.
3 The City of SeaTac Zoning Map is attached as Exhibit B. An aerial photograph of the project area is
4 attached as Exhibit C.

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6 5. The existing overhead electrical distribution system for the 170th Street Project is
7 three phase. However, the existing overhead service lines to the homes within the conversion area
8 are single phase. I have examined PSE's electrical plans for the underground conversion for the
9 170th Street Project. The plans show an isolated three-phase feeder circuit with no three-phase
10 services from the feeder to individual dwellings. All of the services to individual dwellings are
11 single- phase from a secondary cable system.

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13 6. The cost to the City under Schedule 70 for the underground conversion of Phase II of
14 the 170th Project is approximately \$34,561.00. PSE's estimate for the total conversion cost is
15 \$454,870. If Schedule 71 applied and the City paid 30% of the total costs, the City's responsibility
16 would be approximately at \$136,461. PSE's latest estimate of the City's responsibility under
17 Schedule 71 would be approximately \$272,922, based on one-quarter of the conversion cost at 30%
18 and three-quarters of the conversion cost at 70%.

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20 7. The conversion of all utilities to underground is required on the 170th Street Project.
21 SeaTac Ordinance No. 97-1002 states: "It is found and determined by the City that the health and
22 safety, particularly the safety of the traveling public, and general welfare of the residents of the City
23 require that all such existing overhead facilities be relocated underground as soon as practicable in
24 accordance with the requirements specified herein and that all such new facilities be installed
25 underground, as specified herein." Furthermore, Section 11.20.030 (D) "Underground
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Requirements” states: “All extensions, relocating, or rebuilds of existing overhead electric and communication facilities in areas zoned by the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City as urban low density (UL), urban medium density (UM) and urban high density (UH), shall be installed underground from and after the effective date thereof.”

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August ____, 2001.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the DECLARATION OF TOM GUT, upon all parties of record in this proceeding, via facsimile, followed by U.S. mail, as follows:

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DATED at Seattle, Washington, this 13th day of August, 2001.

Jo Ann Sunderlage
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