

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-230393

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT  
EXHIBIT

BENCH REQUEST NO. 8

1. The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General’s Office (Public Counsel) hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit Bench Request No. 8 (BR-8) for admission into the record for this proceeding in Docket UG-230393 concerning the Tacoma Liquefied Natural Gas Tariff proposed by Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company). On October 3, 2023, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC or Commission) issued a Notice of Virtual Public Comment Hearing (Notice), which was scheduled for 6 p.m. on November 1, 2023.<sup>1</sup> The Commission and Public Counsel both received and compiled remarks from customers.<sup>2</sup> Customers either provided comments to Public Counsel via emails or provided comments to the Commission through the UTC’s online comment web portal.

2. Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-8. The Commission’s Consumer Protection and Communications Staff documented these customer comments in a database matrix. The output from this database is included in .pdf format as Attachment 1 to this exhibit,<sup>3</sup> and this file provides all comments submitted to the Commission. Public Counsel also received twenty-four

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<sup>1</sup> Comm’n Notice of Virtual Public Comment Hearing (filed Oct. 3, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> Puget Sound Energy Customer Notification of Public Comment hearing (filed June. 5, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> See UTC Comment Matrix, Attachment 1 (UTC Cmt Matrix).

emailed written comments. These comments are included in Attachment 2.<sup>4</sup> Public Counsel is also supplying an accumulative tally that totals each of the received comments and compares them to ones received by the Commission. For the totality of evidence we have included all comments in Public Counsel’s Attachment 2, however the table below does not include duplicate comments in the overall total number of submitted comments referenced in paragraph five.<sup>5</sup>

3. The database matrix in Attachment 1 contains all comments the Commission received through their online web portal in response to the Notice up to November 6, 2023, the date of the evidentiary hearing. The Commission provided the output shown in Attachment 1 to Public Counsel on November 22, 2023.

4. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

a. Comments received by the Commission

Opposing approval	747
Supporting approval	3
Undecided comments	6

b. Comments received by Public Counsel

Opposing approval	8
Supporting approval	0
Undecided Comments	1
Duplicative Comments	15

5. Public Counsel submits 765 total public comments in this exhibit, Bench Request No. 8.

Of these, 755 oppose the UTC’s approval of PSE’s Tariff Revision and three (3) support it.

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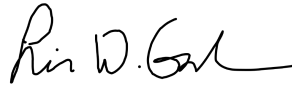
<sup>4</sup> See Public Counsel’s Emailed Written Comments, Attachment 2 (PC Eml Cmts).

<sup>5</sup> Kevin Bannon, Julie Brown, Marilyn & Robert Cornwell, Virginia Gunderson, Nancy Hansen, Norm Haynes, Jeff Jordan, Vicki Lockwood, Joe & Faye Mancuso, Kathy McFall, Karissa Palmer, Lorinda Padgett, Peg B, Ponack, Lena Rudquist, and Elizabeth M Stoddert all submitted comments to Public Counsel and the Commission.

Seven (7) neither oppose nor support the UTC's approval of PSE's Tariff Revision. We only counted each commenter once, as reflected in the total number of submitted comments.

DATED at Seattle, Washington this 29th day of November, 2023.

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