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Steven V. King

Executive Director and Secretary

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy*, Dockets UE-161123

**NWEC RESPONSE TO MICROSOFT'S OBJECTION TO, AND MOTION TO DENY, ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY NWEC EXPERTS KELLEY AND O'BRIEN, AND REQUEST TO WITHDRAW THE MARCH 1 NOTICE SETTING A BRIEFING SCHEDULE ON MICROSOFT'S MOTION**

Dear Mr. King:

Please accept the following documents for filing:

1. An original and copies of NWEC'S Response to Microsoft's Objection, and Motion to Deny, Access to Confidential Information; and
2. Certificate of Service for documents listed herein.

Please note that in this pleading, NWEC asks the Commission to set aside the briefing schedule established in its March 1 Notice. That Notice established a briefing schedule that ended on March 14, 2017. However, testimony by NWEC’s witnesses is due March 13, so we request that the Commission resolve this dispute on confidentiality promptly so there is sufficient time for NWEC’s experts to review confidential information before the March 13 due date.

Sincerely,

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