WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

DATE PREPARED:	November 14, 2012	WITNESS:	David C. Gomez
DOCKET:	UE-121373	RESPONDER:	David C. Gomez
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PSE Data Request No. 004 to WUTC Staff:

Re: David C. Gomez, Exhibit No. ___ (DCG-1HCT), page 6, lines 14-15.

Please describe the risks assumed by PSE's customers if TransAlta Centralia LLC sources power from a source other than the Centralia Coal Transition Facility.

RESPONSE:

The circumstance addressed in Exhibit No. ____ (DCG-1HCT) at page 6 is one where TransAlta may cease providing power from the coal plant and provide market power to PSE at the PPA rate. The intent of the coal transition law will be thwarted, and there will be no societal benefit to the state. See also Staff's response to PSE Data Request No. 3a.