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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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**Re: Colstrip Transmission System Operational Study  
Dockets UE-170033 & UG-170034 (consolidated)**

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to paragraph 120 of the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation and Agreement in Dockets UE-170033 & UG-170034, Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) hereby submits the attached NorthWestern Energy Colstrip Operational Study (the “Colstrip Operational Study”).

NorthWestern Energy undertook the Colstrip Operational Study in response to a request by PSE “with respect to specific impacts, limitations, transfer capability, etc. of the shutdown of Colstrip Units #1 & #2 on the Colstrip Transmission System (‘CTS’) without the assumption of any new generation on either the 500 kV or 230 kV systems.” Any request for interconnection service or transmission service on the Colstrip Transmission System would be subject to study requirements pursuant to the Open Access Transmission Tariffs of owners of the Colstrip Transmission System.

Please contact George Marshall at (425) 462-3706 for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 456-2142.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jon Piliaris*

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Attachment: Colstrip Operational Study