BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Washington Utilities and Transportation)	
Commission,)	
Complainant,)	
)	Docket Nos. UE-090704 &
v.)	UG-090705
)	
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.,)	NW ENERGY COALITION'S
Respondent.)	PETITION TO INTERVENE

The NW Energy Coalition ("Coalition") hereby requests permission to intervene in the abovereferenced proceeding. In support of this Petition to Intervene, the Coalition asserts the following:

A. The Coalition's business address is:

NW Energy Coalition 811 1st Ave Suite 305 Seattle, WA 98104

B. The Coalition will be represented in this matter by David S. Johnson, Attorney, and Senior Policy Associate Danielle Dixon. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Dixon are designated for service of all documents in this matter. They have separately filed a notice of appearance with the Commission, as required by WAC 480-07-345(2). They can be reached at 206-621-0094, fax 206-621-0097, emails: <u>david@nwenergy.org</u>, <u>danielle@nwenergy.org</u>.

C. The Coalition is a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Coalition has approximately 200 individual members and 35 organizational members located in Washington, representing more than 300,000 citizens. The Coalition's primary purpose is to promote an energy future that is clean, reliable, affordable, and equitable. Due to its historic and ongoing work with utility companies and others to achieve these goals, the Coalition possesses unique interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

D. The Coalition has a special interest in this proceeding for the following reasons: (1) Coalition members will be directly affected by rate changes and cost shifting among customer classes that may result from this proceeding; (2) rate design modifications that occur as a result of this proceeding may affect customer investment in energy efficiency and impact low-income customers; (3) changes in funding for the bill assistance program will affect Coalition organizational members who serve the needs of low-income customers; and (4) PSE is requesting two determinations of compliance with RCW 80.80, the state's emissions

performance standard, which the Coalition helped develop and advocate. The Coalition intends to examine these and other issues in this proceeding.

E. The Coalition offers this process considerable expertise in the area of resource planning, industry structure, and economic and policy analysis. The Coalition has participated in numerous rate cases, mergers, and resource planning proceedings in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, including Puget Sound Energy's 2001, 2004 and 2006 general rate cases.

F. The Coalition has no intention of unreasonably broadening the issues, burdening the record or delaying the proceedings through its intervention.

For the foregoing reasons, the Coalition requests the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene in this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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