

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Dockets UE-190529 & UG-190530
Puget Sound Energy
2019 General Rate Case**

THE ENERGY PROJECT DATA REQUEST NO. 028:

Re: PSE Response to TEP Data Request No. 8.

Please state the reason for the decline in the number of pay stations listed in the Response to TEP Data Request No. 8. Please state whether PSE has a target for a specific number of pay stations to be established and provide the target number and the schedule for meeting that target. Please provide any reports, analyses, or studies of any kind prepared by or for PSE regarding pay stations.

Response:

Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") has experienced a decline in available pay stations as third-party companies have decided to no longer offer payment services. The first was in August 2015 when Ace Cash Express closed its locations in Washington State. The second was in December 2016 when 7-Eleven removed their payment kiosks after deciding to no longer accept payments within their locations.

PSE follows the guidance within WAC 480-90/100-188 Payment locations and has no target for the number of pay stations within the service territory. Please also see PSE's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 195(b).

PSE has not performed an analysis, report, or study regarding pay stations.