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**NOTICE CONCERNING APPEARANCE OF FAIRNESS  
(Responses, if any, Due by August 8, 2011)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.*, Dockets UE-111048 and UG-111049 (consolidated)

TO ALL PARTIES:

This Notice is to inform you that the Commission wishes to authorize its accounting advisor in this proceeding, Mr. Maurice Twitchell, to communicate directly with PSE witnesses Mr. John Story and Mr. Michael Stranik, and members of their respective staffs, for the limited purpose of obtaining technical support when using the functions built into various spreadsheets provided as exhibits to Mr. Story's and Mr. Stranik's testimonies, and PSE's responses to Bench Requests 1 and 2. Mr. Twitchell is familiar with the principles governing ex parte communications and will make every effort to avoid any inappropriate conversation. The Commissioners, in any event, will not be informed concerning the substance of Mr. Twitchell's interactions with PSE personnel.

Any party that objects to the Commission allowing this direct contact to facilitate its ability to use the functionality of various spreadsheets, should state the basis for its objection in writing, filed with the Commission no later than the close of business on August 8, 2011.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. MOSS  
Administrative Law Judge