April 27, 2006

## VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Carole Washburn Executive Secretary Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Pk. Dr. S.W. PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: WUTC v. PSE, Inc. Docket Nos. UE-060266/UG-060267

Dear Ms. Washburn:

You requested that we confirm by letter, the following, originally communicated by e-mail on April 24<sup>th</sup>:

As required by the Prehearing Order, Public Counsel is writing to report on the status of public notice and public comment in this matter. Staff for Public Counsel, PSE, and the Commission's Consumer Affairs division have conferred extensively. Public Counsel is reporting on behalf of all three parties, as follows:

- 1. Public Counsel and PSE have agreed to the language in the notice. Consumer Affairs will do so today or at the latest tomorrow, April 25.
- 2. Recommended locations for evening hearings: Bellingham and a South King County city (i.e. Kent, Renton, Auburn)
- 3. Dates: June 27-29 preferably, if not, at the very latest, in early July, avoiding the days near the Fourth of July holiday.
- 4. PSE is able to split the mailing to use bill inserts for monthly customers (the great majority) and direct mail to bi-monthly.

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## Logistics:

Once the notice is approved by Consumer Affairs, PSE can begin setting the print, and insert the details after we decide. IMPORTANT NOTE: In order for all customers to receive notice at the latest about 10 days before hearings (if they were to take place in late June), dates, times and specific locations need to be set very soon, i.e. within the next few days by the Commission.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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