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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS
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Carol Washburn
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Commission
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Re: Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission vs. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.
Docket Nos. UG-072301 and UE-072300; and,
In the Matter of the Joint Application of Puget Holdings LLC, and
Puget Sound Energy, Inc., for an Order Authorizing Proposed Transaction.
Docket No. U-072375

Dear Ms. Washburn:

This letter submits for filing the original and nineteen copies of the **Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Response in Support of Joint Public Counsel and Staff Motion to Consolidate** in the above-referenced dockets.

This document has also been transmitted to you via electronic mail in PDF format. Paper copies will be mailed to all on the WUTC's current Service List.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Edward A. Finklea

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BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	DOCKET NO. U-072375
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PUGET HOLDINGS LLC,)	
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and)	
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PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	
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For an Order Authorizing Proposed)	
Transaction.)	
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WASHINGTON UTILITIES &)	DOCKET NO. UE-072300
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKET NO. UG-072301
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.)	USERS' RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF
)	JOINT PUBLIC COUNSEL AND
Respondent.)	STAFF MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE
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1. The Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby file this response in support of the Joint Motion of Public Counsel and Staff to consolidate the above-captioned proceedings.

As Staff and Public Counsel have articulated, the proposed sale of Puget and its current general rate case will require the review and resolution of common issues. In addition, judicial economy and administrative efficiency would be furthered by consolidation. NWIGU represents Puget’s industrial gas customers, who have distinct and discrete issues that will need to be addressed in both proceedings. In a consolidated proceeding NWIGU and other intervenors, and the Commission, can address all issues in a more efficient manner than if the cases proceed separately.

2. Therefore, NWIGU urges the Commission to grant the Joint Motion of Staff and Public Counsel to consolidate the proceedings.

Dated: January 11, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record (listed below) in these proceedings by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

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