

May 29, 2013

NOTICE OF BENCH EXHIBIT
(Comments Due by June 4, 2013, 3:00 p.m.)

Re: *In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy, Inc. and NW Energy Coalition For an Order Authorizing PSE to Implement Electric and Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanisms and to Record Accounting Entries Associated with the Mechanisms*, Dockets UE-121697 and UG-121705 (*consolidated*)

WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy, Inc., Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138 (*consolidated*)

TO ALL PARTIES:

During the joint evidentiary hearing in these matters, ICNU's witness, Mr. Gorman, testified in colloquy with the Bench, as follows (TR. 191:7-14):

Q. Do you have any data that you can refer to us on first quarter 2013 trends in commission-authorized ROE's that -- that support your thesis that ROE's are continuing to trend down both for natural gas utilities and electric utilities?

A. Well, the Regulatory Research Associates is probably the -- that most source studies relied on most often at regulatory proceedings.

Q. Yes, and we receive that here at the commission.

The publication to which Mr. Gorman apparently refers is: Regulatory Research Associates, Regulatory Focus, Major Rate Case Decisions—January-March 2013 (April 10, 2013). This publication is available only by private subscription and it is accordingly not a suitable subject for official notice. The Commission, however, subscribes to this publication.

In lieu of a Bench Request to Mr. Gorman, via ICNU, the Commission elects to simply incorporate this document into the record as a confidential exhibit (Exhibit No. B-6C), subject to any comment or evidence *directly related* to the data portrayed that any party may wish to offer.

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THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will include the aforementioned publication in the record of these proceedings as Bench Exhibit 6C. Any party that wishes to comment or file evidence directly related to the data portrayed must do so by 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge