# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

DOCKET NOS. UE-011570 and UG-011571 (Consolidated)

ANSWER OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC. TO CITY OF KENT'S PETITION TO INTERVENE AND PROTEST

1. Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") answers the CITY OF KENT'S PETITION
TO INTERVENE AND PROTEST (the "Petition") filed by City of Kent ("Kent") on December
26, 2001. PSE's full name and mailing address are:

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.
P.O. Box 97034
Bellevue, Washington 98009-9734
Attn: Steve Secrist
Director, Rates and Regulation

- 2. This Answer brings into issue the following rule: WAC 480-09-430.
- 3. PSE does not object to Kent's intervention in order to allow Kent to raise issues

concerning *proposed* Schedule 70 and 71 that are within the

Commission's jurisdiction in a rate case.

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- 4. Apart from issues concerning *proposed* Schedule 70 and 71, the Petition does not state a substantial interest in this proceedings nor does Kent assert a public interest in granting intervention for any other purposes.
- Kent's Petition was not filed prior to the December 20, 2001 Prehearing
   Conference, nor did Kent petition to intervene at the December 20, 2001 Prehearing Conference.
- 6. A party may intervene after the proceeding is underway, but only if it has shown good cause. WAC 480-09-430 states:

No such petition [to intervene] shall be filed or made after the proceeding is underway, except for good cause shown.

WAC 480-09-430(1)(a).

- 7. In its Petition, Kent has not pled nor otherwise made any showing of "good cause" for intervention at this juncture of the proceeding, as required by WAC 480-09-430(1)(a).
- 8. Kent alleges that it had no notice of this proceeding, but so alleges without reference to the requirement of WAC 480-09-430(1)(a) for "good cause shown."
- 9. Contrary to Kent's allegations, Kent was afforded notice of this proceeding in accordance with applicable law, just like every other PSE customer. Pending litigation with respect to *existing* tariffs (i.e., *existing* Schedule 70 and 71) does not give rise to additional notice requirements for filing a general rate case.

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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing documents upon all parties of record in this proceeding via facsimile and via U.S. mail, postage prepaid to:

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