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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

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UE-991606

RESPONDER:

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REQUESTER:

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REQUEST NO. 141:

RE: Page 41 - "numerous other resources available to provide additional benefits." For each of the resources listed on page 41 by Mr. Buckley, please fully explain the benefits available, that are not already reflected in the Company's filing, from each of the resources and provide specific examples of how these benefits from each of items are created. Attach all supporting documentation.

- "the experience of its personnel." (a)
- "the technology available." (b)
- "the possession of market information." (c)
- (d) "the transmission system of the Company."

Response:

Staff's statement is intended to identify the general category of resources, in addition to actual generating facilities, available to the Company for the purpose of deriving benefits for both ratepayers and shareholders. Presumably the Company has the detailed knowledge of the specific benefits that can be obtained as a result of its employees' experience, the technology tools in possession of the Company, the possession of market information, and the use of its transmission system. The costs associated with each of these general categories of resources are included in the revenue requirement of the Company in this proceeding. Staff has proposed no adjustments relating to personnel reductions, disallowance of technology acquisitions, or transmission investment disallowances.

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