WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

DATE PREPARED: 5/18/2000

CASE NO.:

UE-991606

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REQUEST NO. 45:

RE: Page 17. Please explain Staff's understanding of whether the Company in this case proposed to flow through to customers the full benefit associated with the original PGE capacity sale contract. If the Staff's answer is no, please explain why.

RESPONSE:

Yes, it is the Company's case that the full benefits of the original contract be flowed through to the customer. This is normal ratemaking treatment for wholesale power sale revenues. Staff's recommendation addresses the new arrangement with PGE and the resulting cash payment to the Company, not the arrangement no longer in effect.

