

1 going transformational activities; 3) present the financial condition of the
2 Company, including a discussion of the Company's continuing need for access to
3 debt capital and trade credit, the challenge of persistent under earnings, the value
4 of a gradual improvement in PSE's credit standing, and a request for a reasonable
5 allowed return on equity and a sound capital structure; 4) describe rate mitigation
6 opportunities and cost management measures; 5) summarize the Company's
7 pension plan funding contributions; 6) briefly describe the proposed sale of
8 excess renewable energy credits ("RECs"); 7) present a proposal for an increase
9 in funding of low income assistance programs; 8) provide a post-merger update;
10 and 9) provide a brief overview of the testimony presented by the Company's
11 other witnesses in this general rate case.

12 II. REQUESTED RELIEF

13 Q. What level of rate increase is the Company requesting in this case?

14 A. The requested rate increase for electric customers is \$148,148,000, an average 7.4%
15 increase over the electric rates set in the Company's 2007 general rate case, Docket
16 No. UE-072300, that became effective on November 1, 2008. The
17 requested rate increase for gas customers is ~~\$27,199,000~~\$30,408,000, an average ~~2.21~~2.5%
18 increase over the gas rates set in the Company's 2007 general rate case, Docket No.
19 UG-072301, that became effective November 1, 2008.