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DATE: August 22, 2008

TO: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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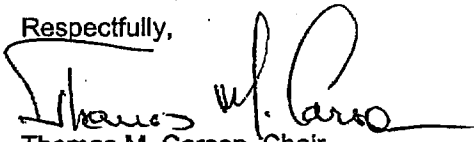
CC: Washington State Attorney General
FAX # 206-464-6451

RE: Docket # 072375

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Attached please find a letter from the South Fidalgo (Skagit County) Community Council in opposition to the sale of Puget Sound Energy to Macquarie.

Respectfully,


Thomas M. Carson, Chair
South Fidalgo Community Council

cc: Public Counsel, Washington State Attorney General



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In reference to Docket # 072375

Utilities Commissioners:

In an earlier letter, we indicated our opposition to the sale of PSE to Macquarie, based on commitments to public ownership and local control of such utilities.

Since that time there have been changes made in the Macquarie offer to make it more attractive and to provide assurances about the quality of customer service. However, the basic concern about harm is not resolved by such changes and assurances. Even if Macquarie were a *benevolent* giant—which it is *not*—the sale would still result in loss of local control and public ownership.

Please, reject this offer as unacceptable based on your charge to protect the public interest.

The South Fidalgo Community Council is an elected body representing voters in three precincts in Skagit County.

Respectfully,

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