

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Dockets UE-190529 & UG-190530
Puget Sound Energy
2019 General Rate Case**

THE ENERGY PROJECT DATA REQUEST NO. 029:

Re: PSE Response to TEP Data Request No. 14.

Please explain the term “Bad-Debt Reduction – GTZ” on page 7 of Attachment A (Corporate Spending Authorization) to the PSE Response. Please confirm if this is a reference to bad debt related to expired orders discussed on page 2, item 2 of the Attachment.

Response:

The term “Bad-Debt Reduction – GTZ” on page 7 of Attachment A (Corporate Spending Authorization) to Puget Sound Energy’s (“PSE”) Response to The Energy Project Data Request No. 014 is related to the Prior Obligation process when a customer is disconnected for non-payment. Any portion of the outstanding balance not covered by a security deposit, and not successfully collected via the PSE collection process, is written off to bad debt.

The expired orders referenced in the Corporate Spending Authorization are not disconnected due to reaching the ten-day maximum, and therefore go through the collection process again. As a result, the past due balances are higher and not covered by deposits. This results in an increase in the amount of bad debt written off by PSE.