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BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

DOCKET NOS. UE-011570 and
UG-011571 (Consolidated)

ANSWER OF PUGET SOUND
ENERGY, INC. TO MOTIONS FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF FIFTH
SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

1. Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") hereby answers the various motions for reconsideration of the Fifth Supplemental Order issued in this proceeding that have been filed by Public Counsel, the City of Bremerton, the Multi-Service Center, the Opportunity Council, the Energy Project, the NW Energy Coalition, and the Natural Resources Defense Council (the "Motions").

2. PSE does not object to continuing the public hearings for the general rate case until after Staff, Public Counsel and intervenors have filed their testimony. PSE would support conducting those hearings in August or September 2002.

3. PSE welcomes additional public hearings for the general rate case. However, if a

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hearing is added in Olympia, PSE requests that the Federal Way hearing be moved north, to the greater Seattle area.

4. Although PSE does not address in this Answer the substantive comments regarding the rate case that were made in some of the Motions, PSE's silence in this regard should not be construed as agreement with such statements.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of _____, 2002.

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