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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

Docket UE-20____

FOURTH EXHIBIT (NONCONFIDENTIAL) TO THE PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

WILLIAM T. EINSTEIN

ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY

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SECTION 1. RESOURCE NEED

This document constitutes a Request for Proposals ("RFP") from qualified third parties ("respondents") to supply electric resources to Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE" or "the Company"). It is a "Renewable Energy Only RFP," as the resources may be used to meet customer demand within the Company's Commission-approved voluntary Green Power products offered under RCW 19.29A.090: Green Power, Solar Choice and Green Direct (Commission-approved Schedules 135, 136 and 139); resources may also be used to support a community solar program, should PSE develop one.

The RFP may be found on our web site at <u>http://www.pse.com/RFP</u>.

1. Resource Need

PSE's renewable energy resource acquisition process herein is guided by the level of interest from its customers. These resources are separate from and in addition to, resources acquired to meet the Washington Renewable Portfolio Standard per RCW 19.285, the "Energy Independence Act."

Table 1 illustrates the size of the three products estimated for 2017 (2019 for Green Direct.) Interest and growth is expected in all three products, as well as with products under development, such as community solar. PSE needs to procure resources to meet the near term growth.

Product	Customers	Annual MWH	Near Term Growth
Green Power (Schedules 135 & 136)	44,000	435,000	25%
Solar Choice (Schedule 135)	1,300	5,000	200%
Green Direct (Schedule 139)	20	380,000	70%
Community Solar (Under Development)	TBD	TBD	N/A

Table 1. Green Power Product Options

SECTION 2. RESOURCES REQUESTED

2. Resources Requested

Table 2.	Products	and R	Resource	Interests
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Product	Technology	Maximum Project Capacity	Notes
Green Direct	PV	~180 MW	Limit on expected annual
Green Direct	Wind	~100 MW	production is 33 aMW.
	PV	5 MW	Resources under 5 MW in Washington and Oregon.
Green Power / Solar Choice	Wind	5 MW	
	Other	5 MW	
Community Solar (Under development)	PV	10 MW	Must be located in PSE service territory to be eligible for state incentives under SB 5939. Online date on or before June 30, 2018 preferred. Individual project size flexible.

Based on input from customers the primary resources of interest are wind and solar. Other resources will be considered including LIHI-certified hydro, biogas/anaerobic methane, etc. as provided for in RCW 19.29A.090.

For community solar, resources that meet the definition of community solar as provided for in recently passed SB 5939 are preferred. These requirements include, but are not limited to, production metering in increments of no more than 1000 kW and direct connection to PSE's system. Project proposals should note whether the project qualifies as community solar, and if so, whether the selected equipment qualifies for the Made-in-Washington bonus production incentive. Based on input from customers, there is a preference for locally-sited projects in Western WA, despite lower insolation levels. PSE may select multiple projects of varying scale to support a community solar program.

This RFP process may or may not result in one or more transactions by PSE, depending on the economic and qualitative benefits such transaction(s) would provide for the expected participants in the voluntary programs. PSE reserves the right to modify the RFP to comply with changes to federal, state or local laws, or regulatory policy.

SECTION 2. RESOURCES REQUESTED

Contract Types

PSE will consider the acquisition of generation from proposals under the following mechanisms: (1) ownership arrangements, including co-ownership arrangements in which PSE retains adequate dispatchability and rights of control and (2) power purchase agreements of varying lengths greater than four years, including power bridging agreements defined as short-term "bridges" to long-lead resources.

Ownership

The PSE ownership mechanism anticipates a proposal pursuant to which PSE would ultimately own the resource or a significant interest therein. This may be accomplished at various stages of development using a variety of approaches such as sale of development rights, joint development by the respondent and PSE, development by the respondent followed by transfer to PSE, initial purchase of power by PSE with transfer of ownership occurring later, or other approaches that may be mutually beneficial and result in PSE's ownership of the resource. Although PSE is willing to consider a wide range of arrangements, the prototype term sheet included as *Exhibit G* to this RFP presumes that PSE would acquire its ownership interest in the project prior to the commencement of construction and would fund its ownership share on a pro rata basis.

Power Purchase Agreements

Any proposal for a power purchase agreement ("PPA") must specify the generation asset(s) underlying the agreement, and provide assurances of its commercial availability on or before a date certain. PSE will consider non-unit contingent products delivered to BPAT.PSEI.¹ PPAs should include provisions for the purchase of the associated renewable energy credits (RECs). A prototype term sheet for PPAs is included as *Exhibit H* to this RFP.

¹ BPAT.PSEI is a transmission scheduling point in BPA Transmission Service's ("BPAT") Open Access Same-time Information System ("OASIS"), which represents 24 separate interconnections between the balancing authority areas of Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSEI") and BPAT.

3. Schedule and Process

The following schedule is subject to adjustment based on WUTC review and the actual pace of the evaluation process. Updates will be posted online at http://www.pse.com/RFP.

Date	Milestone
August 18, 2017	PSE releases final RFP solicitation
August 30, 2017	Intent to Bid due
October 12, 2017	Offers due, including Mutual Nondisclosure Agreements
Q4 2017	PSE selects final short list, notifies respondents
To follow	Post-proposal negotiations

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Evaluation Process

PSE will follow an evaluation process designed to screen and rank individual proposals based on an evaluation of costs, risks and benefits. The Company will consider a number of quantitative and gualitative factors to reasonably compare proposals with diverse attributes. Each proposal will be evaluated based on its compliance with this RFP (including the term sheet and contractual provisions set forth in *Exhibits G-H*) and according to the following set of criteria, which are described in detail in Exhibit A.

- Compatibility with customer preferences per Table 2
- Cost minimization
- Risk management
- Public benefits
- Strategic and financial considerations

PSE will select the most favorable proposals for a more thorough due diligence evaluation. This process may require further interaction with the respondents and requests for additional information. The due diligence process will include more in-depth review based on the same five primary criteria, as well as individual and portfolio risk analysis.

Proposals that best meet PSE's resource need at the lowest reasonable cost and least risk to the Company will be placed on a short list for further discussion with the respondent(s). Such discussions may lead to negotiations of the terms and conditions of definitive agreements.

SECTION 3. SCHEDULE AND PROCESS

Negotiations and Contracts

PSE may elect to negotiate price and non-price factors with any respondent whose proposal has been shortlisted. During negotiations, PSE will continue to update its economic and risk analysis on an as-needed basis to reflect any additional or revised factors that may impact the total cost of a proposed resource.

PSE has no obligation to enter into definitive agreements with any respondent to this RFP and may terminate or modify the RFP at any time without liability or obligation to any respondent. This RFP shall not be construed as preventing PSE from entering into any agreement that it deems appropriate at any time before, during, or after the RFP process is complete. PSE reserves the right to negotiate only with those respondents and other parties who propose transactions that PSE believes, in its sole opinion, to have a reasonable likelihood of being executed substantially as proposed.

SECTION 4. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

4. Proposal Requirements

Confidentiality Agreement

Two signed originals of the Mutual Nondisclosure Agreement (*Exhibit C*) are due no later than October 12, 2017. PSE will return one fully executed agreement to the respondent.

RFP Proposal

Respondents are expected to provide significant information in their original submittals. The forms were created for all possible resources hence all questions may not be relevant. Failure to provide all of the requested information will not disqualify a respondent; however PSE may request additional information.

Signatures and Certifications

Each proposal must contain the signature of a duly authorized officer or agent of the respondent submitting the proposal. The respondent's duly authorized officer or agent shall certify in writing that:

- The respondent's proposal is genuine; not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, firm, or corporation; and is submitted in conformity with any anti-competitive agreement or rules.
- The respondent has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other respondent to submit a false or sham proposal.
- The respondent has not solicited or induced any other person, firm, or corporation to refrain from proposing.
- The respondent has not sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other respondent.

Tax-Incentive Risk and Environmental Attributes

Each proposal shall acknowledge and state that PSE disclaims and shall not assume any risk associated with the potential expiration of (or the respondent's or other project entity's ability to utilize) any then applicable federal or state tax incentives, cash grant programs, or similar programs meant to support a relevant resource.

SECTION 4. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

All proposals must state that all environmental attributes² associated with the proportionate share of the subject project, will accrue to the ownership and beneficial use of PSE.

No Assignment

All proposals shall state that there will be no assignment of proposals during the evaluation or negotiation stage of this RFP and that in the event the respondent and PSE negotiate and execute definitive agreements based on the respondent's proposal, the definitive agreements and obligations thereunder shall not be sold, transferred or assigned, or pledged as security or collateral for any obligation without the prior written permission of PSE. Any project lender who takes an assignment of the definitive agreements for security and exercises any rights under such agreements will be bound to perform such agreements to the same extent.

Eligibility and Conflict of Interest Disclosure

All respondents shall disclose in their proposals any and all relationships between themselves, the project and/or members of their project team and PSE, its employees, officers, directors, subsidiaries, or affiliates.

This RFP will accept proposals from all third-party project developers or owners, marketing entities, or other utilities that meet the project requirements and comply with the process guidelines described herein. Subsidiaries or affiliates of PSE are not eligible to respond to this RFP and the Company shall not consider any response it receives from any such subsidiary or affiliate. Affiliates of the Company include any entity, corporation or person in any chain of successive ownership of PSE or any entity affiliated with such entity in a successive chain of ownership.

Validity

Each proposal shall specify the date through which the proposal is valid.

² "Environmental attributes" means generally Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) or credits, benefits, reductions, offsets and other beneficial allowances with respect to fuel, emissions, air quality, or other environmental characteristics, resulting from the use of certain generation resources or the avoidance of emissions.

SECTION 5. CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

5. Credit Requirements

PSE will not accept collateral thresholds, credit ratings triggers, general adequate assurances language or similar language that might require the Company to provide performance assurance. However, PSE's credit risk department may require the seller to provide performance assurance. With few exceptions, PSE will expect sellers with sub-investment-grade credit ratings (or being of similar creditworthiness) to provide performance assurance assurance assurance.

PSE may require negative control provisions³ in any definitive agreements that the respondent and PSE might execute in connection with the respondent's proposal, in addition to any provisions that may be included in the prototype term sheets for ownership agreements (*Exhibit G*), or power purchase agreements (*Exhibit H*).

³ "Negative control provisions" means covenants restricting respondent business practices that could jeopardize respondent's ability to perform its obligations.

SECTION 6. CONTACT INFORMATION AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

6. Contact Information and Proposal Submission Instructions

Proposals shall be submitted, along with all attachments and electronic files, as described below.

Deliverables and Deadlines

Deliverable	Date Due	Format
Intent to Bid	August 30, 2017	Pdf and email to psegreenpower@pse.com
RFP Proposal (See Section 4 and Exhibit B for Proposal Requirements)	October 12, 2017	 One bound execution copy with an original signature (see <i>Section 4</i>) One electronic copy submitted via email <u>psegreenpower@pse.com</u> ["2017 RFP for Renewable Energy" in Subject line.]

Address for U.S. Mail:	Address for courier or hand delivery:
Tom MacLean	Tom MacLean
Puget Sound Energy	Puget Sound Energy
EST-10E	EST-10E
P.O. Box 97034	355 110 th Ave. NE
Bellevue, WA 98009-9734	Bellevue, WA 98004

Questions can also be submitted to the mailbox: <u>psegreenpower@pse.com</u>. Include **2017 RFP** *for Renewable Energy* in the Subject line so the message will be more visible.

All costs to participate in the RFP process, including preparation of proposals, negotiations, etc., are the responsibility of the respondent.



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Exhibit A. Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Criteria

PSE's evaluation of new long-term electric generation resources is based on an assessment of five primary criteria:

- Compatibility with resource need
- Cost minimization
- Risk management
- Public benefits
- Strategic and financial

Each criterion is further delineated into more detailed criteria elements, as described in the following tables.

1. Compatibility with Resource Need

Criteria Element	Description
1. Timing	CODs: Green Direct – January 2020 or sooner Solar Choice – January 2019 or sooner Green Power – January 2019 or sooner Community Solar – June 2018 preferred
2. Match to need through ownership	Proposals that offer generation from an underlying asset that matches PSE's investment interests.
3. Match to need through contract	PSE prefers proposals that provide a fixed annual price. For community solar leveraging the state incentives, PSE prefers proposals that offer prices competitive with market power after incentive eligibility ends.

Criteria Element	Description
4. Project location	Proposals for community solar projects must be sited within PSE electric service territory. Based on expressed customer preference for local projects, PSE prefers that these projects be distributed throughout its service territory to create proximity to customers. PSE acknowledges that projects located in Western Washington have lower solar potential which may impact costs.
5. Project scale	Community solar project proposals may be of any scale up to the maximum capacity of 10 MW. A mix of larger and smaller projects may be chosen to balance customer appeal with cost. Projects under 5 MW that interconnect directly to PSE distribution system may be eligible for Schedule 91.

2. Cost Minimization

Criteria Element	Description	
1. Resource cost	PSE prefers proposals that provide the lowest reasonable cost throughout the project life, taking into account the price of the proposal and other factors that impact PSE's overall cost.	
	Such factors include, but are not limited to:	
	 capital cost financing cost operation and maintenance cost expected or potential carbon control or mitigation costs fuel and fuel transportation cost fixed and variable power purchase agreement cost transmission cost ancillary services integration costs transmission system upgrades cost to rebalance debt/equity ratio for imputed debt and consolidated debt cost of credit facilities transaction costs and other management costs, etc. cost to meet environmental compliance, including capital 	

Criteria Element	Description
	 improvements and/or capacity limitations and restrictions renewable energy credits or other environmental attributes eligibility for state production incentives
2. Transmission	 PSE prefers long-term firm delivery of energy to its service area. In the absence of the assurance of firm delivery at the time of the proposal, PSE prefers proposals that provide a high likelihood of acquiring adequate transmission on a non-firm basis. Proposals that do not include long-term firm transmission to PSE's service area, that would produce congestion or increase PSE's transmission costs will be compared unfavorably with other proposals and/or will be assessed the additional cost to PSE as part of the evaluation process.
3. Distribution	For projects proposing to connect to PSE's distribution system, proposals with lower anticipated interconnection costs will compare favorably. Factors that minimize interconnection cost typically include: proximity to substations, interconnection to feeders with higher load levels, and proximity to three-phase lines. These costs will be considered by PSE as part of the evaluation process.

3. Risk Management

Criteria Element	Description
1. Status and schedule	PSE prefers proposals that demonstrate the respondent has the experience and financial resources to complete the project and has made significant progress in securing necessary permits, property rights, equipment, regulatory approvals, water rights, wastewater and disposal rights, project agreements and all other rights or arrangements necessary for a completely commercially operational project within the time frame proposed for commercial operation.
2. Project risk	Proposals that minimize risk for timely plant completion within

Criteria Element	Description	
	cost projections are preferred.	
	Proposals that minimize exposure to environmental risk or other potential liability are preferred.	
3. Environmental and permitting risk	PSE's evaluation process will include an assessment of the following criteria:	
	 status in acquiring needed permits 	
	 risk associated with future environmental regulation and taxes, including greenhouse gas emissions 	
	 compliance with regional generator performance standards and import standards 	
4. Respondent risk	PSE will consider information requested in <i>Section 4</i> of the RFP document and <i>Exhibit B</i> in determining the risk associated with the financial condition and performance of a respondent and a third parties relied upon by the respondent. Lower-risk respondents are preferred.	
5. Ability to deliver as proposed	PSE will use the information provided in response to <i>Exhibit B</i> to evaluate the experience and qualifications of the project team, an important consideration when judging a respondent's ability to deliver a commercially operable project in the time frame proposed. PSE prefers respondents with proven track records.	
	Information submitted in response to Exhibit B , which addresses project development status and schedule, will also be used to evaluate the respondent's ability to meet the proposed commercial operation date.	
6. Status of transmission rights	The ability to transmit power from the project site to one or more points on PSE's electric system is a requirement (particularly to points on the system where the deliveries may be used to serve load with limited or no transmission congestion).	
7. Federal regulatory approvals	PSE will consider the effect of any federal regulatory approvals that would result from accepting the proposal, including, but not limited to, requirements under Sections 203 and 205 of the Federal Power Act. Proposals that eliminate or minimize the	

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Criteria Element	Description	

Criteria Element	Description	
	effect of any such federal regulatory approvals are preferred.	

4. Public Benefits

Criteria Element	Description
1. Environmental impacts	Proposals that minimize environmental impacts are preferred. Environmental impacts refer to the full range of issues evaluated in an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment.
	PSE will consider information supplied in response to Exhibit B in its evaluation of the environmental impacts of a proposed acquisition.
2. Resource location	Proposed resources located such that they provide benefits to the regional and PSE transmission systems, or require minimal or no transmission upgrades are preferred.
	Proposals that are not dependent upon constrained transmission or fuel transportation paths are preferred.
	Proposed resources located within PSE's service territory are preferred.
3. Community impacts	Proposals that demonstrate support from public, local, state, tribal and federal government entities, if applicable, as well as other stakeholders, are preferred.

5. Strategic and Financial

Criteria Element	Description
 Capital structure impacts 	PSE's quantitative analysis will impute the anticipated equity cost needed to offset any adverse effects on its capital structure associated with accounting requirements (e.g., FASB ASC 810) that may require PSE to consolidate the respondent's balance sheet.
	All else being equal, PSE prefers proposals that avoid risks associated with a requirement to consolidate a respondent's financials with PSE's financials (e.g., pursuant to FASB ASC 810).
	All else being equal, proposals are preferred that would not increase PSE's exposure to adverse impacts on its financial position (e.g., by requiring PSE to impute debt, to account for the transaction as a capital lease (e.g., under FASB ASC 840), to account for or report the transaction as a financial derivative transaction (e.g., pursuant to FASB ASC 815), by otherwise adversely affecting PSE's financial leverage, operating leverage, credit rating, cash flow, income statement or balance sheet, or by imposing credit requirements or increasing liquidity risk).
2. Guarantees and security	PSE will consider information provided in response to Exhibit B to determine whether it will require any additional guarantees or credit support pursuant to Section 5 of the RFP document.
	PSE's credit risk department may require the seller to provide performance assurance. PSE will expect sellers with sub- investment-grade credit ratings (or being of similar creditworthiness) to provide performance assurance acceptable to the Company.
	PSE will not accept collateral thresholds, credit ratings triggers, general adequate assurances language or similar language that might require the Company to provide performance assurance.



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Exhibit B. Proposal Requirements

Proposal Requirements

This exhibit outlines the minimum requirements for submitting a proposal in response to PSE's Renewable Energy RFP. This information will be used to evaluate incoming proposals using the evaluation criteria described in *Exhibit A*. During the course of the evaluation, respondents may be asked to clarify proposal details or to supply additional information needed to provide a thorough due diligence review. A list of sample data requests is posted online at <u>http://www.pse.com/RFP</u>.

Mutual Nondisclosure Agreement

Submit two signed copies of the Mutual Nondisclosure Agreement (*Exhibit C*) with the RFP response by October 12, 2017.

Proposal Requirements

PSE requests that respondents submit their proposals in the format shown in *Table 1*. Proposals are due to PSE by October 12, 2017.

1. Proposal Requirements: Table of Contents

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	 Additional requirements described in <i>Section 4</i> of the RFP document, including: Signatures and certifications Tax-incentive risk and environmental attributes No assignment Eligibility and conflict of interest disclosure Validity, deadlines and regulatory approval 	Section 4,

Summary Data Form

Complete the Summary Data Form (*Exhibit D*) and return a live copy of the Excel form as part of your electronic proposal. This form is an input to our proposal database and should not be altered. Attach a printed copy to your proposal submission. The downloadable form is available online at <u>http://www.pse.com/RFP</u>.

Proposal Data

Section 1. Description of offer

- Project name
- Products (Green Direct, Green Power, Solar Choice, or community solar) the project could serve. PSE will, at its sole discretion, determine which product each resource will serve.
 - If community solar, whether the project qualifies for state incentives, including the made-in-Washington bonus
- Proposed commercial arrangement
- Offer capacity
- Offer timing:
 - For projects, identify energy delivery start date.
 - For PPAs, provide duration, beginning and end dates.
 - For PPAs, include seasonal shape, as applicable.
- Project owner and other projects completed to date
- Project developer and other projects completed to date

Section 2. Capital costs, pricing and delivery

PSE ownership

- For the purchase of an existing plant (in service), specify asset purchase price.
- For the purchase of development assets, specify development assets purchase price. Specify total capital cost to project build-out (exclude development assets). Please provide, separately, the financing costs if included in the total capital cost. PSE may prefer to finance the construction, provide the estimated payment schedule dates.
- Include major project capital and operating expenses, and documentation to support the reasonableness of the projections discussed below. This should include an itemized

budget with a breakdown of projected capital costs, operating and maintenance costs, all costs associated with site acquisition and improvement, permitting, project construction, testing and commissioning, compliance with environmental and other applicable regulations (federal, state and local), and security. Project costs must be provided in an electronic Excel spreadsheet with formulas intact (with detail generally in the form set forth in *Exhibit F*).

Purchased power agreements

• Start and ends dates (as applicable)

For power purchase agreements ("PPAs") respondents should provide the following information by month, at a minimum, as applicable.

- Provide a flat or escalating price per MWh for energy and environmental attributes produced.
- Attest that the proposal complies with existing local, state and federal environmental laws and regulations.
- State whether the price includes transmission to PSE's system. If a wind project, state whether the seller will provide all scheduling, and state whether the seller will be responsible for all balancing charges and/or all wind integration costs for the project.
- Include respondent's fixed annual or monthly payments associated with operation, maintenance and ownership costs.
- For project PPAs, state respondent's underlying fixed and variable cost of production.
- Propose a combination of the above or other suitable alternatives, as applicable.
- PPA price offers must be provided in an electronic Excel spreadsheet with formulas intact. Respondents must provide a separate Excel spreadsheet for each offer, if multiple offers are proposed.

As an option, respondents are requested to include a proposal wherein the respondent to fully assume the present and future costs of continued compliance with existing or future local, state, or federal environmental law and regulation. If provided, such proposal should specify the environmental risks that the respondent is assuming and the cost for assuming each one. Any such environmental risk provisions should be optional, to be included at PSE's election.

Respondents should be aware that the quantitative cost screening of proposals received in response to the RFP will include costs associated with delivering the energy to PSE's system as well as the costs associated with financial and accounting regulations. An imputed debt component will be calculated for all PPAs pursuant to the methodology of Standard and Poor's rating agency, as described below:

Calculating imputed debt for PPAs

The debt rating agencies consider long-term take-or-pay and take-and-pay contracts debt-like in nature and have historically capitalized these obligations on a sliding scale known as a risk spectrum. Hence there is a cost associated with issuing equity to rebalance the Company's debt/equity ratio in response to imputed debt, if PSE is to maintain a current credit rating. Imputed debt in the Integrated Resource Plan and in the evaluation of responses to the RFP is calculated using a similar methodology to that applied by the Standard and Poor's ("S&P") rating agency. The calculation begins with the determination of the fixed obligations that are equal to the actual demand payments, if so defined in the contract, or 50 percent of the expected total contract payments. This yearly fixed obligation is then multiplied by a risk factor. PSE's current contracts have a factor of 25 percent along the S&P risk spectrum. Imputed debt is the sum of the present value of this risk-adjusted fixed obligation. The cost of imputed debt is the level of imputed debt to maintain the Company's capital and interest coverage ratios.

Sensitivity of imputed debt cost

The cost impact of imputed debt on PPAs varies with the term of the contract, the proportion of the PPA associated with demand payment, and with the escalation of the PPA rate or demand payments. Assuming a flat, unescalated PPA rate and PSE's allowed cost of capital, the imputed debt cost will increase the levelized cost of the PPA by approximately 1.2 percent on a 3-year PPA, 1.8 percent on a 5-year PPA, 3.1 percent on a 10-year PPA and 5.3 percent on a 20-year PPA.

Section 3. Summary commercial offer term sheet

General terms and conditions

Provide a summary commercial offer term sheet. See *exhibits G and H* for prototype ownership agreement and PPA term sheets. Respondents should be aware that the prototype term sheets may be the basis for any potential Definitive Agreement with PSE; however, the Company reserves the right to modify the outlined terms.

Include the following items, as applicable:

- Description: structure, product, type of service, underlying facility, etc.
- Seller
- Term and delivery periods
- Transmission: interconnection, delivery point, ancillary services, line losses, etc.
- Capacity/Quantity

- Price
- Fuel supply arrangements: supplier, delivery point, etc.
- Operating characteristics and limits: minimum run time, maximum starts, planned outages, etc.
- Scheduling coordinator/Imbalance charges
- Guaranteed availability/Volume
- Force majeure
- Credit support

Section 4. Description of the project and project status

- Project location: city, county and state.
- Provide general description of project and project site, and describe key project components. Provide a map showing the project area and neighboring parcels. Show anticipated layout of all project facilities including transmission tie lines and natural gas laterals, solar arrays or turbine strings if applicable, substations, roads, collection systems, met towers for wind resources, and service buildings. Indicate the location of the transmission line with which the project will interconnect.
- Describe the project size (in acreage) and the land area controlled relative to project facilities. If the project can be expanded, describe the potential scope and conditions for additional development at the site.
- Provide a list of leases, easements, and/or other ownership documents demonstrating that the respondent has control of the intended project properties and the legal rights to construct, interconnect, operate and maintain the project as described throughout the life of the project.
- Project status: construction, development or operating, and status of all development and construction work completed to date. Provide commercial online date. Provide construction start date, as applicable. Development status should include the following information:
 - List of permits obtained and status of permits in progress
 - o Identify transmission and integration secured, or pending requests
 - Fuel supply agreements in place
 - Studies completed or in progress
- Facility nameplate capacity and any incremental capacity new and clean at ISO conditions, or specify temperature and elevation.

Section 5. Technical and operations

- Identify resource and technology type. Specify make, model, number of units and MW/unit.
- Facility generation information
 - Estimated net annual capacity factor (%)
 - Provide the projected average net output in MWh in an Excel 12x24 matrix (*Exhibit E*); that is, for each hour of each month, indicate the number of MWh expected to be generated in a typical hour.
- Facility outage/availability information: expected annual forced outage rate¹ (%), expected average annual planned maintenance requirements (days per year). Include the estimated annual unit availability, and any guaranteed minimum annual availability and level of production.
- Describe any known or likely operating limits due to permitting, legal, aesthetic, wildlife or other reasons.
- Describe as applicable how the underlying facility or contract meets the obligations of Washington's Emissions Performance Standards (WAC 173-407, effective June 19, 2008).
- Provide facility air emissions data for carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and sulfur in tons/GWh or lb/MMBtu or as otherwise applicable.

Section 6. Interconnection and transmission

- Identify point of interconnection, point of receipt (if different from interconnection) and point of delivery. For the purposes of this RFP, the term "interconnection point" shall refer to the point at which the project is connected to the high voltage transmission system. Project must meet all required interconnection standards.
- Identify transmission provider(s). Provide request queue number, if applicable.
- Date of LGIA signing or expected signing.
- Expected date of interconnection capitalization.
- Transmission and interconnection studies -- List studies available.
- Identify construction plans for any required interconnection facilities, and include status and schedule.

¹ The *"annual forced outage rate"* should represent the expected annual forced outages excluding planned maintenance.

- Identify all long-term, firm, point-to-point, third-party transmission service arrangements that are in place or will be in place to facilitate the delivery of the electricity to PSE's transmission system.
- Specify the balancing authority area in which the project will reside.
- Provide all costs related to transmission services (including losses) and delivery of electricity to the point of delivery.
- For projects outside PSE's balancing authority area, describe the plan for supplying the following:
 - o Operating reserves
 - Resource integration (wind or otherwise)
 - o Scheduling
 - o Regulating reserves
 - o Generation imbalance
 - Any other required ancillary service
- If the proposal does not include long-term firm delivery to PSE's system, the respondent should explain any alternate solutions for the delivery of energy and capacity to PSE's system over the term of the proposal.
- If proposing a qualifying renewable resource that is located outside the Pacific Northwest as defined for the Bonneville Power Administration in Section 3 of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (94 Stat. 2698; 16 U.S.C. Sec. 839a), describe how the electricity from the facility will be delivered into Washington state on a real-time basis without shaping, storage, or integration services.

Section 7. Legal and financial

- Describe any dependence on another entity (e.g., a fuel supplier or a steam host).
- Provide a deal diagram that shows all contractual parties, listed by their legal names, and their relationship with the project.
- Describe any pertinent legal issues, such as suits, disputes, administrative investigations or permitting issues.

Section 8. Additional information for development projects

<u>Schedule</u>

• Provide in a format, such as a Gantt chart, the most accurate schedule estimates available on the various project activities covering the period from the initiation of

development activities through the project's proposed commercial operation date. Include a schedule item for each significant activity including:

- o project development
- o permitting
- o interconnection
- o engineering
- o construction
- o startup
- o testing
- o commissioning
- Include any additional timelines applicable to the project that will demonstrate its status and plans.
- Indicate all actions taken to ensure the schedule is met (such as placing orders for equipment with long lead times) and potential opportunities to improve the schedule.

<u>Site Control</u>

 Provide a list of leases, easements, and/or other ownership documents demonstrating that the respondent has control of the intended project properties and the legal rights to construct, interconnect, operate and maintain the project as described throughout the life of the project.

Environmental Siting

- Discuss known environmental issues relative to the development and operation of the project, including impacts to air, water, flora and fauna, energy and natural resources, environmental health, shoreline use, housing, aesthetics, recreation, historic and cultural preservation, transportation, public service and utilities. Describe measures that will be taken to mitigate all impacts of the project.
- Describe all wildlife or other environmental studies and assessments that have been
 performed related to the site and the project, including but not limited to wildlife
 monitoring reports, biological assessments, environmental assessments, environmental
 impact statements, environmental media sampling reports (air, soil or groundwater),
 flood control measures or other risk mitigations identified at the site.
- Describe methodologies for such studies and identify the person(s) or firm(s) who conducted and completed the work. If such studies are planned or in progress, describe the scope and schedule for completion, identify the person(s) or firm(s) performing the

studies, and identify the methodologies to be employed. Describe measures that have or will be taken to mitigate all impacts of the project.

• Discuss plans to engage community and environmental stakeholders to support the proposed project or existing projects. Discuss ongoing community relations and environmental stakeholder relations.

<u>Permits</u>

- Identify project permits and any other local, state or federal government approvals or authorizations required to build and operate the project, as well as all permit or other government approval applications and requests with special emphasis on the key discretionary permits (such as a conditional use permit, site certificate and major air, wastewater and/or waste permits).
- Discuss the current status of applications and proceedings, the schedule and the approach to be used to obtain necessary permits and approvals.
- If the project is located in an area that is ceded land, may have been historically used by a Native American tribe, or if the project may impact tribal interests, specify whether the tribe has been consulted about the project.
 - If so, describe the consultation, including the names and phone numbers of those contacted, and the tribe's position on the project. Also specify any plans for further consultation with the tribe in future.
 - If not, indicate why the tribe has not been consulted and describe any plans to consult the tribe in future.
 - Is the respondent aware of any required tribal notifications, permit conditions or costs associated with any tribal agreement or promise? If so, please describe.

Construction

- Describe arrangements and commitments (contracts, letters of intent, memoranda of understanding) that have been made, if any, for the construction of the project.
- Describe the contractual structure (including any existing agreements or forms of agreement) proposed for project design, procurement, and construction (e.g., turnkey; engineering, procurement and construction; multiple lump-sum purchase, etc.). For any approach other than turnkey, provide information on the organization and individual responsible for project management during this phase. If construction is completed, identify all open warranty issues.



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Exhibit C. Mutual Nondisclosure Agreement

Mutual Nondisclosure Agreement

This Agreement, dated as of , 2017, is entered into between Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") and ______"). PSE and ______ are sometimes referred to in this Agreement as "Party," and collectively as "Parties."

1. The Parties intend to enter into discussions regarding one or more potential transactions between the Parties involving the acquisition of electrical generation output or an interest in power generation facilities in ______ (or both). In the course of these discussions, each Party may disclose Confidential Information to the other. For the purposes of this Agreement, "Confidential Information" means any information or data disclosed in connection with such discussions in any form or media whatsoever by either Party (the "Disclosing Party") to the other Party (the "Receiving Party") which (a) if in tangible form, or other media that can be converted to readable form, is clearly and conspicuously marked as proprietary, confidential or private at the same time it is disclosed. "Confidential Information" includes all originals, copies, notes, correspondence, conversations and other manifestations, derivations and analysis of the foregoing.

2. Confidential Information shall not include information that (a) is or becomes generally available to the public other than by reason of the Receiving Party's breach of this Agreement; (b) the Receiving Party can reasonably demonstrate (i) was known by the Receiving Party, prior to its disclosure by the Disclosing Party, without any obligation to hold it in confidence, (ii) is received from a third party free to disclose such information without restriction, (iii) is independently developed by the Receiving Party without the use of Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party; (c) is approved for release by written authorization of the Disclosing Party, but only to the extent of such authorization; or (d) is related to the transmission of power, including but not limited to, any information which must be disclosed to the transmission function of a Party as part of any transmission request or information exchange that is required to be made public pursuant to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or other governmental rules and regulations. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, the Receiving Party shall not be obligated to keep confidential any Confidential Information that (A) is required by law or regulation to be disclosed (including, without limitation, any summary or ranking of any proposal by the Disclosing Party constituting Confidential Information that PSE is required by law or regulation to make available to the public), but only to the extent and for the purposes of such required disclosure or (B) is disclosed in response to a valid order or request of a court or other governmental authority having jurisdiction or in pursuance of any procedures for discovery or information gathering in any proceeding before any such court or governmental authority, but only to the extent of and for the purposes of such order, provided that the Receiving Party, who is subject to such order or discovery, gives the Disclosing Party reasonable advance notice (e.g., so as to afford the Disclosing Party an opportunity to appear, object and obtain a protective order or other appropriate relief regarding such disclosure). The

Receiving Party, who is subject to such order or discovery, shall, at the Disclosing Party's expense, use reasonable efforts to assist the Disclosing Party's efforts to obtain a protective order or other appropriate relief; provided, that the Disclosing Party acknowledges and agrees that the Receiving Party shall have no obligation or responsibility to appear before, or to make any showing to, any court or any other governmental authority in connection with protecting any Confidential Information from disclosure by such court or governmental authority, and such responsibility shall be solely that of the Disclosing Party.

3. The Parties acknowledge that PSE is a public utility regulated by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") and that its decisions regarding one or more potential transactions between the Parties involving the acquisition of electrical generation output or an interest in power generation facilities, together with related Confidential Information, may be subject to review by the Commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, in the event that such PSE decisions are at issue in a proceeding before the Commission, PSE will seek, at its own expense, a protective order from the Commission with "highly confidential provisions" to protect against the disclosure of Confidential Information to competitors and the public. Disclosure of Confidential Information by either of the Parties to the Commission, its staff, counsel for the Commission or Public Counsel in the Attorney General's Office, or their internal advisors, in connection with any such proceeding will not violate this Agreement.

4. Each party acknowledges and agrees that it has no proprietary or exclusive right to any tax matter, tax idea, tax structure or tax treatment related to any potential transaction or transaction between the Parties and that no such tax matter, tax idea, tax structure or tax treatment shall be deemed to be the Confidential Information of either Party.

5. The Receiving Party shall, subject to the other provisions of this Agreement, (a) use the Confidential Information only for purposes of evaluating one or more potential transactions between the Parties involving power generation facilities or the output thereof; (b) restrict disclosure of the Confidential Information only to employees, advisors, contractors, agents, representatives and active or potential investors or lenders of the Receiving Party and affiliates ("Representatives") with a "need to know"; (c) advise such Representatives of the confidential notice and their obligation to keep such information confidential; and (d) copy the Confidential Information only as necessary for those Representatives who are entitled to receive it, and ensure that all confidential notices are reproduced in full on such copies. A "need to know" means that the Representatives require the Confidential Information to perform their responsibilities in evaluating or pursuing one or more potential transactions between the Parties involving power generation facilities or the output thereof.

6. Confidential Information shall be deemed to be the property of the Disclosing Party. This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed as granting any license or other right under or with respect to any patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other proprietary right. The Receiving Party shall, within 30 days of a written request therefor by the Disclosing Party, either return all of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information (or any designated portion thereof) to the Disclosing Party or destroy all such Confidential Information (or any designated portion thereof) and provide an officer's certificate as to the destruction of such Confidential Information; provided, that PSE, as a Receiving Party, shall not be obligated to return to the Disclosing Party any proposal by the Disclosing Party, or any information related thereto, constituting Confidential Information, and PSE will retain all such proposals and information for the period set forth in Washington Administrative Code 480-107-145(1), which requires PSE to retain such materials for a period of at least seven (7) years from the completion of the RFP process, or the conclusion of PSE's next general electric rate case, whichever is later.

7. Neither this Agreement nor any discussions or disclosure hereunder shall (a) be deemed a commitment to any business relationship or contract for future dealing with another Party or (b) prevent either Party from conducting similar discussions with any third party, so long as such discussions do not result in the use or disclosure by the Receiving Party of Confidential Information protected by this Agreement. If the Parties elect to proceed with any transaction, then all agreements, representations, warranties, covenants and conditions with respect thereto shall be only as set forth in a separate written agreement to be negotiated and executed by the Parties.

8. Each of the Parties acknowledges that the Confidential Information received from another Party constitutes valuable confidential, commercial, business and proprietary information of the Disclosing Party and serious commercial disadvantage or irreparable harm may result for the Disclosing Party if the Receiving Party breaches its nondisclosure obligations under this Agreement. In such event or the threat of such event, the Disclosing Party shall be entitled to injunctive relief, specific performance and other equitable relief without proof of monetary damages. In any action to enforce this Agreement or on account of any breach of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover, in addition to all other relief, its reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs associated with such action.

9. This Agreement may not be assigned by either Party without the prior written consent of the other Party. No permitted assignment shall relieve the Receiving Party of its obligations hereunder with respect to Confidential Information disclosed to it prior to such assignment. Any assignment in violation of this Paragraph 9 shall be void. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties' respective successors and assigns.

10. This Agreement shall be deemed to be effective as of the date first above written, and shall continue thereafter for a period of seven (7) years or, if later, upon the conclusion of PSE's next general electric rate case.

11. No Party shall be liable to another Party for any consequential, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary or punitive damages arising out of or related to this Agreement.

12. This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the state of Washington, without regard to such state's choice of law principles to the contrary. Each of the Parties irrevocably consents to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of any state or federal court located in King County, Washington, with regard to any legal or equitable action or proceeding related to this Agreement.

13. This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties with respect to the confidentiality, use, control and proprietary nature of any information disclosed by the Disclosing Party to the Receiving Party and the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior communications, agreements and understandings relating thereto. The provisions of this Agreement shall not be modified, amended or waived, except by a written instrument duly executed by both of the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of , 2017.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

Ву _____

Its _____

[OTHER PARTY]

Ву _____

lts _____



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Exhibit D. Summary Data Form

Summary Data Form

Each proposal must include a live Excel copy of the Summary Data Form. This template is available online at <u>http://www.pse.com/RFP</u>.

Please do not modify any portion of the electronic form. It is designed as an input to our proposal database and may not function properly if altered.				
	1. Contact Ir	nformation		
Primary Contact	-			
Contact Name				
Contact Title				
Name of Company				
Mailing Address				
	City	State / Province	Zip Code	
Office Phone				
Cell Phone				
Email				
Alternate Contact				
Contact Name				
Contact Title				
Name of Company				
Mailing Address				
j	City	State / Province	Zip Code	
Office Phone		1		
Cell Phone				
Email				

EXHIBIT D. SUMMARY DATA FORM

	2. Offer Inf	ormation	
Proposed Commercial	Arrangement		
Respondent entity (Owner / Developer)			
Is the respondent a subs Source RFP Section II.3 under			Check, if yes
Proposed com	nmercial arrangement		
Description of Other			
Offer Capacity		MW	
Briefly describe offer			
General Facility Inform	nation		
Project/Facility Name (Proposal name)			
	City	County	State / Province
Project Location			
Project Status			
Commercial			
Online Date			
For term agreements (PP	As, exchanges or trans	mission only products	\$),
Term Start Date		Term End Date	

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EXHIBIT D. SUMMARY DATA FORM

3. Resource and Delivery							
Technology							
Resource Type			Exchange	PPA (technology e Agreement, ski transmission seo	p ahead to the		
Description of Other							
Briefly describe technology	(make, model	l, number of uni	ts)				
Facility Capacity		мw	Net capacity factor		%		
Nominal Heat Rate		Btu/kWh (HHV)					
ISO conditions? Check box	x, or specify		۴F		feet		
Transmission and Intercon	nection						
Point of Interconnection							
Point of Delivery							
Transmission Provider(s)							



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Exhibit E. Energy Delivery

Energy Delivery for Average Year

Project

Complete the table below and provide an electronic copy with your proposal. A live Excel version of the table is available for download at <u>www.pse.com/rfp</u>.

Net Project Cap	acity (M	W)											
Annual Generat	ion (MW	h)											
				Proje	ct Megaw	att Hour	s (MWh)	in AC					
Hour Ending	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1													
2													
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<u>6</u> 7													
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22													
<u>23</u> 24													
Total													
Total													



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Exhibit F. Project Costs for Ownership

EXHIBIT F. PROJECT COSTS

Project Costs

Complete the following project capital and operating cost tables, and include an electronic copy with your proposal. A live Excel version of this exhibit is available for download at www.pse.com/rfp.

1. Project Capital Cost

Project Buildout Capital Costs (as applicable)	How firm are these costs?	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	·····	Last Year
Land Acquisition																
Engineering																
Permitting																
Development Fees																
Other Development Costs																
Generation Facility																
O&M Building																
Project Substation																
Generation Equipment:																
Wind Turbines																
Solar Array(s)																
Combustion Turbine / Generator																
Steam Turbine																
Spare Parts																
Pipeline Build-out																
Environmental Management / Containment																
Remaining Balance of Plant Construction																
Other (Taxes, Insurance, Etc)																
Contingency																
Initial Working Capital																
Start Up Power Credit: Sales of Test Power																
Ongoing Capital Costs During Project Operation	n(as applicable)															
Incremental Capital Needs (Please list)																
Major Maintenance																
Combustion Inspection																
Hot Gas Path																
Turbine Refurbishments																
Plant Upgrades																

EXHIBIT F. PROJECT COSTS

2. Operating Costs

Generation Statistics (as applicable per r	esource type)	How firm are these costs?	2012	2013	<u>La</u> <u>Ye</u>
Nameplate Capacity (same as form)	MW				
Forced Outage Rate	%				
Planned Outage Rate	%				
Annual Availability Factor	%				
Net Capacity Factor	%				
Net Annual Generation (AC)	GWh				
ixed Operating Expenses (as applicable	e per resource tvp	e)			
O&M - General	\$/kW-yr	-			
Transmission - Electric to Point of Delivery	\$/kW-yr				
Insurance	\$				
Property Tax	\$				
Asset Management Fee	\$				
Environmental Monitoring	\$				
Outside Services	\$				
Other	\$				
Fuel:	Ψ				
Primary Fuel Source	\$/kW-yr				
Secondary Fuel Source	\$/kW-yr				
Primary Fuel Transportation	\$/kW-yr				
	•				
Secondary Fuel Transportation	\$/kW-yr				
Service Agreements:					
Agreement	\$/kW-yr				
Remaining Plant O&M - Service Agreement	¢//				
Capacity Payment	\$/kW-yr				
Water / Wastewater Treatment	\$/kW-yr				
	\$/kW-yr				
Spare Parts	\$/kW-yr				
Parasitic Power	MWh / yr				
Permit Requirements	\$				
O&M Service Agreement - Wind	Total \$				
Development Fee	\$				
Land Leases	\$				
Variable Operating Expense (as applica		<u>(pe)</u>			
O&M - General	\$ / MWh				
Transmission - Electric to Point of Delivery	\$ / MWh				
Fuel:	A / A				
Primary Fuel Transportation	\$ / MMBtu				
Secondary Fuel Transportation	\$ / MMBtu				
Service Agreements:					
Agreement	\$ / MWh or \$/FFH				
Remaining Plant O&M - Service Agreement	\$ / MWh or \$/FFH				
Chemicals	\$ / MWh				
Production Payments to Developer	\$ / MWh				
Landowner Royalties	\$ / MWh				
Fuel Cost Per Unit	\$ / Bone Dry Ton				
Emissions Cost	\$/Bone Dry Ton \$/MWh				



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Exhibit G. Prototype Ownership Term Sheet

Prototype Ownership Term Sheet

Background This Prototype Ownership Term Sheet ("<u>Term Sheet</u>") sets forth the current requirements that PSE wants the Respondent to address or incorporate into any proposal made to PSE that contemplates the ultimate ownership of Respondent's project by PSE. It is intended to identify certain, but not all, of the elements of a potential transaction that would be embodied in Definitive Agreements (defined below).

PSE has endeavored to identify in this Term Sheet those provisions that would be applicable generally to all Respondents and relevant to any potential transaction arising out of a proposed PSE ownership arrangement involving the sale of a project to PSE. PSE recognizes, however, that the particular facts and circumstances relevant to Respondent's project may vary from the transaction structure described in this Term Sheet, so certain proposals may not incorporate all elements of a PSE ownership arrangement outlined in this Term Sheet.

PSE also recognizes that Respondent may have other reasons (whether legal, regulatory or relating to financing) that may cause Respondent to propose that PSE purchase equity interests (such as limited liability company interests or limited partnership interests) in a project company that owns a generation project, rather than sell the project outright to PSE.

PSE prefers proposals consistent with the sort of ownership arrangement described in this Term Sheet. Nevertheless, PSE is willing to review and evaluate alternative ownership structures on the basis set forth in the RFP, taking into consideration the different or additional economic, legal, regulatory, tax, risk management, financing, credit support, contractual and other implications presented by such alternative proposals.

By submitting its proposal, Respondent acknowledges that the RFP, including this Term Sheet, has been prepared by PSE as part of PSE's ongoing process of integrated resource planning and that PSE is considering alternative arrangements for the procurement of generation resources. This Term Sheet is an integral part of, and subject to, the terms and conditions of the RFP. This Term Sheet shall not be interpreted as an offer, agreement or commitment by PSE to acquire any generation resource. Also, this Term Sheet shall not limit, restrict or obligate PSE with regard to the conduct of its integrated resource planning process, the

potential implementation of any plan or program of resource procurement or the actual procurement of any generation resources.

PSE reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received in response to the RFP, request the submission of different proposals for other generation resources and/or seek to acquire generation resources from one or more parties other than any Respondent. PSE may also modify, change, supplement or delete any and all provisions of this Term Sheet, or withdraw and cancel the RFP.

General"PSE ownership arrangement" means a proposal pursuant to which PSEOwnershipwould ultimately own the resource. Ownership could be transferred toStructurePSE at various stages of development and using a variety of approaches.
Possibilities include, for example, joint development by Respondent and
PSE, development by Respondent followed by the transfer to PSE, an
initial purchase of power by PSE from a generation resource with transfer
of ownership later, or other mutually beneficial approaches. Although PSE
is willing to consider a variety of arrangements, this Term Sheet presumes
that PSE would acquire an ownership interest in a Project (as defined
below under "Respondent and the Project") either (i) prior to the
commencement of its construction or (ii) after it has already commenced
commercial operations.

This Term Sheet sets forth certain terms and conditions which would be embodied in a purchase and sale agreement (the "<u>PSA</u>") pursuant to which PSE would acquire 100% of all assets, properties and rights of the Project from Respondent.¹

If Respondent's proposal contemplates a PSE ownership arrangement, in addition to containing the other submissions required by the RFP, Respondent will need to set forth in its proposal substantial additional details. PSE will need to review supporting documents, information and data regarding the timing, price, terms and conditions of a proposed sale of the Project to PSE and, in the case of a Project under development, a budget, schedule and other information regarding the funding of construction, operation and maintenance of the Project.

¹ These assets, properties and rights of the Project would include all of the associated real and personal property, tangible and intangible property, assets, equipment, components, facilities, interconnections, systems, spare and replacement parts, permits, intellectual property, and contractual, expansion and other rights currently held or acquired in the future that are necessary, useful, held for use or appropriate for the ownership, planning, development, permitting, design, engineering, construction, interconnection, transmission, use, operation, maintenance, repair and expansion of the Project.

Respondent and the Project This Term Sheet assumes that Respondent is the owner of a generation project currently operating or under development and having a nameplate capacity of not less than 2 MW (the "<u>Project</u>").

> In its response to the RFP, in addition to the other submissions that should accompany a proposal that contemplates the sale of all of the Project to PSE, Respondent needs to specify the date by which the Project can be placed in service, which shall be no later than January 1, 2020. At the placed in service date, the Project shall be in full compliance with all technical, performance and operating criteria and standards and the requirements of the RFP, applicable laws, regulations, permits and governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the parties or the Project.

CertainPSE expects that the agreements necessary to complete the potential
transaction described in this Term Sheet (the "Definitive Agreements")Agreementswould include, among others: (1) a PSA for the sale by Respondent to PSE
of all of the Project, and (2) if PSE deems it necessary due to the credit
position of Respondent, a guaranty by a creditworthy affiliate of
Respondent acceptable to PSE (the "Guarantor"), which would guaranty
Respondent's obligations and those of Respondent's affiliates under the
Definitive Agreements (the "Respondent Guaranty").

The execution and delivery of the Definitive Agreements would be subject, among other things, to PSE's completion of due diligence to its satisfaction and the approval of the transaction by each party's board of directors (or other appropriate management body).

- **Closing** The Closing would occur after receipt by the parties of all consents, authorizations and approvals and the satisfaction or waiver of conditions precedent specified in the Definitive Agreements. At the Closing, PSE would purchase the Project from Respondent, free and clear of all liens, charges, encumbrances, and conflicting or competing claims.
- TransactionRespondent would be responsible for the payment of all sales,
conveyance, transfer, excise, real estate excise, business and occupation
or similar transaction taxes assessed with respect to or imposed on either
party relating to PSE's purchase of the Project or otherwise in connection
with a potential transaction. PSE would agree to cooperate with
Respondent to minimize the parties' respective transaction taxes.
- **Regulatory** PSE expects that the following regulatory approvals, among others, might

Approvals	be required prior to Closing to implement a proposed transaction:							
	Receipt of FERC approval under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act; and Expiration of any waiting period (or obtaining of any approval required) under Hart-Scott-Rodino.							
Representations, Covenants & Warranties	The Definitive Agreements would contain representations, covenants and warranties of each party that are customary for similar transactions							
Terms and Conditions For Projects Under Development	If Respondent's proposal involves an unbuilt Project, PSE is willing to consider contracting to either (i) transfer to PSE the responsibility for its completion, start-up and commissioning, or (ii) having Respondent keep responsibility for its completion, start-up and commissioning pursuant to a separate engineering, procurement and construction or similar contract arrangements (collectively, "EPC") that would be put in place at the Closing under the PSA.							
	In either case, the Definitive Agreements would include detailed schedules showing the Project's design, engineering and construction status. These schedules will need to include:							
	 performance and technical specifications of the Project; 							
	 performance guarantees; 							
	 major equipment and systems and vendors; 							
	major subcontractors;							
	 the status of permit applications; 							
	 the status of contractors' and vendors' obligations and warranties; and, 							
	 the schedule for completion of the Project and other related information and data. 							
	The Definitive Agreements would also require Respondent to provide access to the Project to certain designated PSE employees, representatives and agents so that they can observe and monitor the manufacture, fabrication, assembly, installation, construction, start-up,							

testing and commissioning of the Project and any parts or components of it. PSE's employees, representatives and agents would also be permitted access to the premises of contractors, vendors and consultants and attend meetings and review and copy information, data and documents in

connection with PSE's due diligence review. PSE's employees, representatives and agents would be required to observe Respondent's (and Respondent's contractors') rules regarding safety, security and confidentiality and would not interfere with or hinder the construction of the Project.

In the event that Respondent plans to retain responsibility for the completion, start-up and commissioning of the Project pursuant to an EPC arrangement, PSE expects that the following additional terms and conditions would apply to the proposed transaction:

Installment Payments

The consideration allocable to the cost of completion of the Facility would be payable in predetermined installment amounts through Final Completion (as defined below) as set forth in a funding schedule to be incorporated in the Definitive Agreements, with the first payment due at Closing. The Definitive Agreements would also set forth the procedure for invoicing and payment of all remaining amounts due.

Respondent's Completion of the Project

Subject to certain approval rights of PSE, Respondent would be responsible for the direction of, and the cost and expense necessary, incidental to or appropriate for, the construction, completion, start-up and commissioning of the Project, including mobilization, design, engineering, procurement, supply, supervision, and testing expenses (with the exception of such expenses related to fuel for certain tests as set forth below). Guarantor would unconditionally guarantee Respondent's payment, performance, warranty and other obligations with respect to the design, engineering, construction and completion of the Project in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Definitive Agreements. Respondent would cause construction of the Project to be performed or supervised by an EPC contractor experienced in the design, engineering and construction of electric generating facilities similar to the Project and in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, permits, the standards and criteria of original equipment manufacturers, good industry practices and insurance requirements.

Change Orders: In completing the construction of the Project, Respondent would notify PSE, in writing, prior to making any proposed change order or any other modification to the design, component parts or equipment or operational characteristics of the Project that (A) (i)

involves individually an amount in excess of $[]^2$ or (ii) is proposed after the aggregate value of prior change orders or modifications is $[]^3$, or (B) which would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the operational characteristics, reliability or costs of operation and maintenance of the Project. PSE would have ten (10) days to notify Respondent in writing that PSE does not consent to the proposed change order or modification described by Respondent in such notice; otherwise PSE would be deemed to concur with the proposed change order or modification.

Otherwise, Respondent shall have the right, without PSE's consent, to make such substitutions of parts, materials and/or equipment in completing the construction of the Project as would not be reasonably expected to adversely affect the operational characteristics, reliability or costs of operation or maintenance of the Project. Respondent agrees to provide PSE with a list of such substitutions on a monthly basis and at Substantial Completion and Final Completion (each as defined below). In the event Respondent fails to provide timely notice to PSE of any proposed change order or modification of the nature or effect described above, and such change order or modification results in a material adverse change to the operational characteristics, reliability or costs of operation and maintenance of the Project, the Definitive Agreements would set forth mutually agreed upon rights and remedies.

For purposes of this Term Sheet, "Substantial Completion" means the completion of the Project, the completion of the facilities necessary to interconnect the Project to the electric grid and to receive water, fuel supplies and other supplies and services, and the delivery of all permits, interim manuals sufficient for interim operations during the period between Substantial Completion and Final Completion, and other deliverables necessary for PSE to operate the Project on a commercial basis in accordance with the requirements of the Definitive Agreements at an electrical output not less than and, if applicable, a heat rate not greater than certain "Minimum Performance Guarantees" to be agreed to in the Definitive Agreements. "Final Completion" shall mean the final completion by Respondent of all items of work remaining at Substantial Completion, delivery of all outstanding deliverables, including manuals and lien releases from contractors and vendors, clean-up of the site and removal of all equipment.

No later than at Final Completion, Respondent would provide PSE with

² Amount to depend on facts pertaining to the particular Project, including but not limited to the Project's size and cost.

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statutory lien releases from the EPC contractor and its subcontractors furnishing services, equipment or goods used in the design, engineering, equipping, construction and completion of the Project, evidencing that all amounts due to such parties have been paid or bonded around, such that PSE and the Project would not be liable for payment of any such amounts owed.

Subsequent to Closing, PSE would be the owner of and receive one hundred percent (100%) of all energy products produced in connection with the start-up, testing and commissioning of the Project.

Liquidated Damages and Performance Bonuses

Respondent would be liable for scheduled liquidated damages if Respondent fails to achieve Substantial Completion of the Project by an agreed upon date, as well as performance liquidated damages for failure to meet the Minimum Performance Guarantees agreed to in the Definitive Agreements.

Additional Representations, Warranties and Covenants of Respondent

PSE expects that the Definitive Agreements would include the following additional representations, warranties and covenants in the event that Respondent retains responsibility for the completion, start-up and commissioning of the Project:

(1) Respondent would cause the Project to be designed, engineered, equipped and constructed in accordance with the provisions of the Definitive Agreements so as to meet the Minimum Performance Guarantees and other criteria set forth in the Definitive Agreements and be Substantially Complete and commercially operable on or before a guaranteed Substantial Completion date;

(2) Respondent will provide a full "wrap" of obligations with respect to the Project and all equipment warranties and cause Guarantor to guarantee Respondent's obligations;

(3) Respondent would at all times maintain sufficient rights and entitlements to such services and facilities as may be necessary to develop, construct and complete the Project so that upon Substantial Completion the Project may be operated on a commercial basis;

(4) Respondent would obtain and maintain during the construction of the Project, at Respondent's cost and expense, builder's risk insurance, the

terms, conditions, limits of coverage and other provisions of which are normal and customary;

(5) Respondent, with PSE's commercially reasonable cooperation and assistance, would at Respondent's cost be responsible for applying for, obtaining and maintaining and complying with all permits and other governmental authorizations necessary or appropriate for the construction, start-up, testing, ownership, occupancy, use, operation and maintenance of the Project; and

(6) Respondent would cause all equipment warranties (the terms and conditions of which PSE will have the right to approve) to be in full force with the respective contractors and vendors and fully assignable to PSE, and Respondent will assign such warranties to PSE as of Substantial Completion of the Project.

Project Managers and Independent Engineer

Each of the parties would designate a construction project manager no later than the date of Closing. Notices, correspondence and other communication required or contemplated by the Definitive Agreements relating to the construction of the Project would be made through the parties' respective construction project managers, except as otherwise agreed.

An independent engineer would be retained, at Respondent's expense, to verify Respondent has achieved the performance levels and other criteria required to meet Substantial Completion and Final Completion under the Definitive Agreements. PSE and Respondent would select the independent engineer from a mutually agreed list of qualified engineers included in the Definitive Agreements.

RespondentIf PSE determines that Respondent alone is not sufficiently creditworthy,GuarantyPSE will require Respondent to have Guarantor provide PSE with theRequirementsRespondent Guaranty, pursuant to which Guarantor would guarantee the
performance by Respondent and Respondent's affiliates of Respondent's
obligations to or for the benefit of PSE under the Definitive Agreements.
The Guarantor would also guaranty the payment of any damages, losses,
liabilities, costs and expenses incurred by PSE and payable by Respondent
or Respondent's affiliates) under the Definitive Agreements. The parties
would address in the Definitive Agreements the circumstances, if any, in
which PSE might require adequate assurance by Respondent or Guarantor
of Respondent's performance under the Definitive Agreements, and the

nature of such assurance.

- Liability The Definitive Agreements shall provide that notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in the event of a breach of the obligations of one of the parties or otherwise, such party would be liable for direct damages only, and under no circumstances shall such party be liable to the other party for consequential (including, without limitation, lost profits, business interruption and the like), incidental, punitive, exemplary or similar damages.
- Indemnification The Definitive Agreements would also set forth provisions by which each party would indemnify, hold harmless and defend the other party and its affiliates, directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents from and against certain losses with respect to false or inaccurate representations and warranties or breaches of covenants and obligations under the Definitive Agreements.
- **Due Diligence** For a specified period commencing on the date PSE notifies Respondent that Respondent's proposal has been selected as a potential transaction (this period, and any extensions to it that the parties may agree upon, the "<u>Due Diligence Period</u>"), PSE would be entitled to conduct an in-depth due diligence review of the Project, Respondent, Guarantor and any affiliate of Respondent that would be a party to a Definitive Agreement. Respondent agrees to fully cooperate (and cause Respondent's affiliates to fully cooperate) with PSE and to facilitate this process.

PSE expects that PSE's due diligence would include a review of the following, among other things:

- all technical matters relating to the Project;
- construction, engineering and transmission agreements, and any other commercial arrangements relating to the Project;
- legal and regulatory matters (including the availability and terms of all required permits and licenses);
- information systems, human resources (subject to applicable legal confidentiality and other restrictions), insurance matters; and
- any other matters associated with the development, permitting, design, engineering, construction, interconnection, start-up, commissioning, operation and maintenance of the Project.

PSE agrees that its due diligence review shall not unreasonably disrupt Respondent's (or Respondent's affiliates') business or the business of

Respondent's directors, officers, employees and agents. The Due Diligence Period would terminate automatically in the event of the termination of the Term Sheet by either party.

During the Due Diligence Period, Respondent and Respondent's affiliates would provide access to the Project to certain designated PSE employees, representatives and agents so that they could observe and monitor the manufacture, fabrication, assembly, installation, construction, start-up, testing and commissioning of the Project and any of its parts or components. PSE's employees, representatives and agents would also be permitted access to the premises of contractors, vendors and consultants, attend meetings and review and copy information, data and documents in connection with PSE's due diligence review. PSE would be subject to and would be required to observe Respondent's (and Respondent's contractors') rules regarding safety, security and confidentiality and PSE would not interfere with or hinder the construction of the Project.

- DisputeThe Definitive Agreements would contain provisions for the resolution of
disputes, and the exclusive forum for the resolution of any dispute arising
under or in connection with this Term Sheet or the Definitive Agreements
would be King County, Washington.
- **Expenses** Each party would bear its own legal, accounting, regulatory and other professional fees and expenses and other costs associated with the RFP and a potential transaction, regardless of whether a transaction is consummated.
- Assignability The parties would not be permitted to assign the Definitive Agreements or their respective rights and obligations under them without the prior written consent of the other party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.



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Exhibit H. Prototype Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Term Sheet

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Background This Prototype PPA Term Sheet ("Term Sheet") sets forth the current requirements that PSE wants the Respondent to address or incorporate into any proposal made to PSE that contemplates the sale of energy products to PSE from a new electric generating facility. It is intended to identify certain, but not all, of the elements of a potential transaction that would be embodied in a definitive power purchase agreement.

PSE prefers proposals consistent with the terms described in this Term Sheet. However, PSE will consider pricing structures that are different from the structure contained in this Term Sheet, if proposed.

By submitting its proposal, Respondent acknowledges that this Term Sheet is an integral part of, and subject to, the terms and conditions of the RFP. This Term Sheet shall not be interpreted as an offer, agreement or commitment by PSE to acquire any energy product. Also, this Term Sheet shall not limit, restrict or obligate PSE with regard to the conduct of its integrated resource planning process, the potential implementation of any plan or program of resource procurement or the actual procurement of any energy product.

PSE reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received in response to the RFP, request the submission of different proposals for other energy products and/or seek to acquire energy products from one or more parties other than any Respondent. PSE may also modify, change, supplement or delete any and all provisions of this Term Sheet, or withdraw and cancel the RFP.

Parties Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("Buyer") and [_____] ("Seller").

GeneratingA energy generating project with a planned nameplate capacity of [___]FacilityMW to be developed by Seller and located [____].¹

¹ This Term Sheet generally contemplates offers for wind, solar and other generation from facilities to be constructed; however, Buyer shall entertain offers from existing facilities as well and, in such case, certain provisions of this Term Sheet pertaining, for example, to construction obligations of Seller, shall not apply.

- **Product** Energy from the Generating Facility as delivered to the Point of Delivery and all environmental attributes associated with the energy, as further described and defined below, as well as any associated electrical capacity rights shall accrue to Buyer.
- TermThe PPA shall be effective when signed and shall terminate [___] years
from the Commercial Operation Date (as defined below under
"Commercial Operation") (the "Term").
- Point of Delivery [_____] ("Point of Delivery").
- Contract[__]% of the net electrical output of the Generating Facility, and any
capacity rights, as well as all Green Attributes (as described below).
- **Contract Price** \$[____] per MWh of energy delivered by the Generating Facility to the Point of Delivery and all Green Attributes (defined below) associated therewith (the "Contract Price"). The Contract Price shall (i) become applicable on the Commercial Operation Date, (ii) remain in effect for the Term and (iii) not be subject to change by Seller or Buyer for any reason.
- **Green Attributes** All environmental, renewable energy or green attributes of any kind or nature, current or future, whether in the form of renewable energy credits or certificates (RECs), emissions credits or allowances or other credits or allowances similar to the foregoing ("Green Attributes") shall be conveyed to Buyer and are included in the Contract Price (other than with respect to Test Power, as described below).
- **Electrical Output** Buyer agrees to buy, at the Point of Delivery, [___]% of the total amount of electrical energy produced by the Generating Facility (the "Net Electricity") at all times during the Term on an "as generated" basis, subsequent to the Commercial Operation Date and also as stipulated in the "Test Power" section below.
- **Test Power and Green Attributes** Subsequent to the commissioning of the first portion of the project included in the Generating Facility, but before the Commercial Operation Date, Buyer shall purchase [___]% of the electric power (and associated Green Attributes)] produced by the Generating Facility prior to the Commercial Operation Date (collectively, "Test Products"). The price for such Test Products shall be equal to 70% of the applicable Intercontinental Exchange Mid-Columbia index price for power at the

time of purchase.

Commercial Commercial Operation shall mean, with respect to the Generating Operation Facility, that date designated by Seller and confirmed by Buyer on which ninety-five percent (95%) of the wind turbines or solar panels, and 100% of any other renewable energy project, constituting the Generating Facility have been placed in commercial operation, as evidenced by an officer's certificate of Seller and a confirmation from Buyer (which confirmation shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), but such date shall be no earlier than the date upon which the following have occurred: (i) the interconnection agreement for the Generating Facility has been executed, (ii) the Generating Facility has been satisfactorily tested and (iii) all related facilities and rights have been completed or obtained, including all interconnection facilities and substations, to allow for continuous operation of the Generating Facility and the sale of energy and Green Attributes therefrom ("Commercial Operation"). The "Commercial Operation Date" shall be the date that the Generating Facility achieves Commercial Operation. Seller shall use commercially reasonable efforts achieve Commercial Operation for any remaining generation as soon as reasonably possible thereafter.

Commercial Operation shall mean, with respect to any turbine, that the following conditions have been fulfilled: (i) the turbine is able to generate electricity, (ii) the turbine has been satisfactorily tested, as evidenced by an officer's certificate of Seller and a confirmation from Buyer (which confirmation shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and (iii) all related facilities and rights have been completed or obtained, including all interconnecting facilities and substations, to allow for continuous operation of the turbine and the sale of energy and Green Attributes to the Point of Delivery.

Seller shall provide a Guaranteed Commercial Operation Date for the Generating Facility. The Guaranteed Commercial Operation Date shall be extended for delays caused by Buyer or force majeure events, subject to compliance by Seller of its obligation to mitigate such delays. In the event Seller fails to achieve Commercial Operation on or before the Guaranteed Commercial Operation Date, Seller shall be required to pay to Buyer liquidated damages for each day of delay beyond the Guaranteed Commercial Operation Date in the amount per day of \$[___] per MW with respect to each [__] percent of total project MW that does not achieve Commercial Operation by such date. If the Commercial Operation Date has not been achieved within [__] days after the Guaranteed Commercial Operation Date, Seller shall be in default under

the PPA and Buyer shall be entitled to terminate the PPA and seek damages or exercise other remedies at law or equity.

- Seller shall use commercially reasonable efforts to achieve the agreed Development **Milestones** upon Development Milestones for the Generating Facility, which shall include "interim" major milestones, such as the receipt of all applicable permits, commencement of physical construction, completion of construction of foundations, etc. The guaranteed major Development Milestone dates shall be subject to extension for delays caused by Buyer or force majeure events, subject to compliance by Seller of its obligation to mitigate such delays. In the event Seller fails to achieve a major Development Milestone on or before the guaranteed date therefor, Seller shall be required to pay to Buyer "interim" liquidated damages for each day of delay beyond the applicable guaranteed date in an amount to be agreed upon in the definitive agreements. If the Commercial Guaranteed Operation Date ultimately is achieved despite Seller's failure to satisfy one of more of the other major Development Milestones, Buyer shall refund such interim liquidated damages to Seller.
- Standard ofSeller shall operate the Generating Facility in accordance with the
practices, methods, acts, guidelines, standards and criteria of relevant
system operators or reliability councils, and all applicable Laws. Seller
shall obtain all certifications, permits, licenses and approvals necessary to
construct, operate and maintain the Generating Facility and to perform
its obligations under the PPA.
- Curtailments Under no circumstances shall Buyer have any liability or owe any damages to Seller due to any curtailment of the Generating Facility; provided, however, that if Buyer requests Seller to curtail energy deliveries for economic reasons, Buyer shall pay to Seller the Contract Price for the lost energy production based on actual wind/solar and availability data during the period of curtailment. Seller shall use reasonable efforts to sell energy and Green Attributes generated by the Generating Facility during any such curtailment at the best price reasonably available in the market at the time of sale in order to minimize negative financial impacts to Buyer and such amounts received shall be credited to the account of Buyer and applied as a credit in favor of Buyer in the invoice for the immediately succeeding month. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that Seller is required to curtail energy deliveries from the Generating Facility in response to a force majeure event, an "emergency condition," or any other event or circumstance declared by the Bonneville Power Administration ("BPA") or

any other transmission provider (including the transmission function of Buyer), Buyer shall have no liability to Seller on account of any such curtailment.

- Transmission During the Term, Seller shall be responsible for delivery of the energy Services; generated by the Generating Facility (less applicable transmission losses) Interconnection to the Point of Delivery and Buyer shall be responsible for arranging, at Buyer's expense, all transmission services from the Point of Delivery. Seller shall be responsible for all costs of interconnection of the Generating Facility and any associated network upgrades required by BPA, Buyer's transmission function or any other transmission provider. It shall be the specific responsibility of Seller to have secured transmission necessary to deliver the energy to Buyer's system. Buyer shall consider arrangements whereby Seller secures such transmission rights from the Generating Facility to Buyer's system and assigns those transmission rights to Buyer, with Buyer taking on responsibility for the costs of transmitting such energy to Buyer's system. Buyer shall also consider alternative arrangements where the Point of Delivery shall be at an appropriate point on Buyer's system.
- Metering Subject to the requirements of the interconnection agreement for the Generating Facility, Seller shall be responsible for the provision, maintenance, reading and testing of all metering equipment in conformance with all applicable regulatory requirements, with Buyer having rights to inspect, observe tests and conduct its own tests in its reasonable discretion.
- Scheduling
Coordinator;Seller shall be responsible for arranging all scheduling services necessary
to ensure compliance with applicable regional power scheduling
regulations and protocols. Seller shall prepare and put in place certain
mutually acceptable scheduling protocols to be followed by Seller,
including the nature and extent of information to be supplied to Buyer in
connection with the scheduling of the Generating Facility.

Seller shall arrange and be responsible for any transmission services required to deliver energy to the Point of Delivery and shall schedule or arrange scheduling services with its transmission providers to so deliver the energy to the Point of Delivery. Buyer shall arrange and be responsible for transmission services at and from the Point of Delivery and shall schedule or arrange for scheduling services with its transmission providers to receive energy at the Point of Delivery. Buyer shall be responsible for all transmission charges, ancillary service charges,

electrical losses and any other transfer-related charges (collectively, "Charges") attributable to or assessed for energy delivered to Buyer at and after the Point of Delivery. Seller shall be responsible for all Charges applicable to the Generating Facility's output prior to the Point of Delivery.

Seller shall be obligated to pay, or reimburse Buyer for the payment of (in the event any obligation is imposed in this respect on Buyer), any generation imbalance charges related to the over-generation or undergeneration of energy scheduled to be generated by the Generating Facility, except if such charges directly result from the unexcused failure of Buyer to receive scheduled energy.

Seller shall be responsible for and obligated to pay any "integration charge" or similar charge imposed by BPA or any other transmission provider, including charges resulting from or attributable to the integration of generation resources into the transmission system of such transmission provider.

- TaxesSeller shall be responsible for and shall pay all taxes incurred by Seller or
Buyer on the energy and Green Attributes produced and sold prior to the
Delivery Point. Buyer shall be responsible for and shall pay all taxes
incurred by Seller or Buyer on energy produced and sold at and beyond
the Delivery Point.
- Operation and Maintenance Seller shall develop written operating procedures ("Operating Procedures") for the Generating Facility before the applicable initial delivery date which shall set forth the protocol under which the Parties shall perform their respective obligations under the PPA and shall include, without limitation, procedures concerning the following: (i) the method of day-to-day communications, (ii) key personnel lists for Seller and Buyer, including an appointed authorized representative for each Party and (iii) forced outage and planned outage reporting.

During the Term, the Generating Facility shall be operated and maintained by Seller or its designee in accordance with those practices, methods, and acts that are commonly used by a significant portion of the renewable energy generation industry in prudent engineering and operations to design and operate such electric equipment lawfully and with safety, dependability, efficiency, and economy, including any applicable practices, methods, acts, guidelines or standards and criteria of governing regulatory bodies and reliability councils and all applicable

requirements of law.

Outages No later than ninety (90) days prior to the beginning of each calendar year during the Term, Seller shall provide Buyer with a non-binding detailed planned outage schedule for the forthcoming year and Seller shall be excused from providing electricity during any planned outage.

Seller shall furnish Buyer with as much advance notice as practicable of any proposed or necessary maintenance outages. The Parties shall work to plan such outage to mutually accommodate, as practicable, the reasonable requirements of Seller and the reasonable requests of Buyer.

Seller shall promptly provide written notice to Buyer, to the extent information is available, of the reason, timing, expected duration and the impact upon the energy output of any forced outage. Seller also shall provide to Buyer, in a form reasonably acceptable to Buyer, a monthly report of forced outages.

Availability
and/or OutputSeller shall provide Buyer with a guarantee that the overall Generating
Facility availability shall be no less than [_]% (the "Minimum Annual
Availability"). Seller shall pay to Buyer liquidated damages if the
Generating Facility fails to meet the Minimum Annual Availability in any
contract year after the Commercial Operation Date. Annual generation
availability shall be calculated using a methodology agreed to by the
Parties.

In addition to the availability guarantee, Seller shall provide Buyer with an annual output guarantee (the "Minimum Annual Output") in an amount equal to [_____] MWh, subject to adjustments pertaining to curtailments of the Generating Facility requested by Buyer, Buyer's failure to perform under the PPA and force majeure events. Seller shall pay to Buyer liquidated damages if the Generating Facility fails to meet the Minimum Annual Output in any contract year after the Commercial Operation Date.

Credit Support Upon execution of the PPA, if Buyer deems it necessary due to Seller's credit position, Seller shall provide Buyer with a guaranty, cash collateral and/or letter of credit in forms and amounts acceptable to Buyer. In addition to the foregoing security, Seller shall furnish Buyer with a lien on its interest in the Generating Facility to secure Seller's obligations to Buyer. Buyer shall agree to subordinate such lien as may be reasonably necessary to accommodate Seller's first lien construction and/or

permanent financing of the Generation Facility. Buyer shall not be required to provide credit support or performance assurance of any kind to Seller.

Default The PPA shall include customary events of default ("Events of Default") including for failure to make payments when due, failure to perform a material obligation, breach of representation or warranty, bankruptcy, failure to maintain required credit support, etc.

In addition to customary Events of Default, the following shall be additional Events of Default:

Subsequent to the Commercial Operation Date, Seller fails to achieve the Minimum Annual Availability for any [____] consecutive contract years or for any [____] contract years during the Term.

Subsequent to the Commercial Operation Date, Seller fails to achieve the Minimum Annual Output for any [____] consecutive contract years or for any [____] contract years during the Term.

Each Party shall have a duty to mitigate damages and covenants that it shall use commercially reasonable efforts to minimize any damages it may incur as a result of the other Party's default or non-performance of the PPA.

TerminationBuyer may terminate the PPA if Seller fails to achieve Commercial
Operation by [_____].

If an Event of Default shall have occurred, the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to terminate the PPA and, in such case, each Party shall pay the other all amounts due for all periods prior to termination. In addition, if applicable, the defaulting Party shall make a termination payment to the non-defaulting party.

Any termination payment under the PPA shall be based on a comparison of the net present value of the payments that the non-defaulting Party reasonably expects to be applicable in the market under a replacement contract covering the same products (e.g., energy and Green Attributes) to the net present value of the then remaining payments under the PPA, plus the reasonable transactional costs of the non-defaulting Party entering into a new supply or sales arrangement. Any such calculations shall be based on reasonable assumptions as to future Generating Facility operations, differences between a replacement contract and the PPA,

discount rate and similar considerations, as reasonably determined by the non-defaulting Party.

- **Indemnification** The PPA shall include customary indemnification obligations between the Parties including for liabilities related to energy once delivered to Buyer at the Point of Delivery.
- Limitation of Liability Unless expressly provided in the PPA, a Party's liability shall be limited to direct actual damages only, which direct actual damages shall be the sole and exclusive remedy and all other remedies or damages at law or equity are waived. Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for consequential, incidental, punitive, exemplary or indirect damages, lost profits or other business interruption damages, whether such damages are allowed or provided by statute, in tort, under any indemnity provisions or otherwise except and only to the extent that any actual or liquidated damages expressly provided for in the PPA include an element of profit or other type of damages which are otherwise disclaimed and except to the extent required through indemnification on account of third party claims.
- DisputeCertain specified technical disputes shall be referred to a single technical
expert (to be designated by the parties in the PPA) for expedited, binding
resolution; other disputes shall proceed through judicial resolution. The
Parties shall waive their rights to jury trial, and shall consent to
jurisdiction in King County, Washington.
- **Governing Law** The PPA shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, without regard to conflicts of laws principles. Venue shall be in King County, Washington.
- Assignment Neither Party shall assign any of its rights or obligations under the PPA without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, except that either Party may, without the other Party's consent, (i) transfer, sell, pledge, encumber or assign the PPA or the revenues or proceeds thereof in connection with any financing, (ii) transfer or assign the PPA to an affiliate or (iii) transfer or assign the PPA to any person or entity succeeding to all or substantially all of the assets of such Party; provided that in the case of clauses (ii) or (iii) above, the assignee agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions and, in the case of an assignment by Seller, either the assignee or its guarantor possesses the same or better

credit rating as Seller or provides credit support reasonably acceptable to Buyer.