

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-180899 and UG-  
180900 (*Consolidated*)

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT  
EXHIBIT NO. BR-1

1. Public Counsel hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-1 for admission into the record of the proceeding.
2. Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-1. The exhibit consists of letters, phone messages, e-mails, and other written materials submitted by the public to provide comment on the Puget Sound Energy general rate case. These materials were submitted to the Commission and to the office of Public Counsel. The comments are submitted in electronic form on the enclosed compact disc (CD).
3. All e-mail, phone, and internet comments received by the Commission were input into a database by Commission Consumer Protection and Communications Staff. Output from this database has been included in a .pdf file titled "180899-900 0 BR-1 Comment Matrix." Where an individual submitted two or more separate, or duplicative, comments, the comments are counted collectively as one comment, but all comments are provided in this filing for completeness.<sup>1</sup>
4. Public Counsel received a total of 10 comments via e-mail, six (6) of which are non-duplicative.

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<sup>1</sup> See comments of: Taylor Dabb (attachments '180899-900 PC Dabb\_Cmts 01-25-2019.pdf' and '180899-900 PC Dabb\_Cmts 02-01-2019.pdf'); Robin Vogler ('180899-900 PC Vogler\_Cmts 01-27-2019.pdf'); and Joe Whelan ('180899-900 PC Whelan\_Cmts\_01-27-2019.pdf').

5. The submitted material has been counted as follows:
- a. Comments received by WUTC

Opposing the rate increase	692
Supporting the rate increase	24
Undecided comments	32
  - b. Comments received by Public Counsel

Opposing the rate increase	10 Received, 6 Non-Duplicative
Supporting the rate increase	0
Undecided Comments	1
6. Public Counsel submits a total of 758 public comments in the exhibit. Of these, 698 oppose the requested rate increase and 24 support the request. Thirty-two neither oppose nor support Puget Sound Energy’s request and four of the comments were duplicative. Five individuals selected “Yes” in support of the rate increase when submitting online comments; however, the content of their comments appear to suggest opposition to the increase.<sup>2</sup> Nevertheless, we have logged each customer’s position as we received them and did not modify the tally detailed above.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

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<sup>2</sup> Please see comments of Duong, Bonnie Daut, Angelia Hendrix, David Weisenburg, and Eddie Smith (Public Comment Matrix at 203-204, 206).