

**EXHIBIT NO. ____ (NLG-3)
DOCKET NO. UG-060267 & UE-060266
2006 PSE GENERAL RATE CASE
WITNESS: NANCY L. GLASER**

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

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**PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
NANCY L. GLASER
ON BEHALF OF NW ENERGY COALITION
Exhibit 3**

July 19, 2006

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2 **Requirements on Electric Efficiency Incentive Mechanism**
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5 **Joint Exhibit of Public Counsel, Commission Staff and**
6 **NW Energy Coalition**
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8 Public Counsel, Commission staff and the NW Energy Coalition concur that the
9 following eligibility requirements should guide the structure of the pilot Electric
10 Efficiency Incentive Mechanism.
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- 12 1. If approved, the mechanism becomes effective for programs to be implemented
13 starting January 1, 2007.
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- 15 2. The Company must achieve at least 16.5 aMW in 2006 in order to be eligible for an
16 incentive in 2007.
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- 18 3. The baseline target for the incentive/penalty mechanism will be set on an annual
19 basis, with joint consensus of PSE and the CRAG, and subject to Commission
20 approval. Penalties or incentives shall be paid or awarded in the two following years,
21 on the basis of annual energy efficiency achievement by the Company.
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- 23 4. PSE must achieve at least 75% of the projected savings in each sector, in order to be
24 eligible to receive an incentive. The sectors are residential and commercial/industrial.
25 Savings attributed to self-directing industrials in Schedule 258 and the Northwest
26 Energy Efficiency Alliance in Schedule 254 are excluded from any sector calculation.
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- 28 5. The weighted average measure life of the total program portfolio must meet a
29 minimum of 9 years to be eligible for an incentive.
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- 31 6. All first-year savings from all funding sources count towards the baseline target with
32 the exception of annual savings as calculated by the Northwest Energy Efficiency
33 Alliance (NEEA). The company may claim its proportionate share of NEEA annual
34 savings only from NEEA programs that are receiving implementation funding during
35 the company's program year. For example, NEEA tracks and counts savings from its
36 Builder Operator Certification program. These savings would not count toward the
37 company's annual conservation target because NEEA discontinued funding for this
38 Builder Operator program several years ago.
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- 40 7. Following each program year, it will be determined if the Company qualifies for an
41 incentive or a penalty based on PSE's Annual Report on Conservation Results, filed
42 with the Commission on or before February 15. The Annual Report will include year-
43 end savings and cost-effectiveness results.
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- 1 a. If a penalty is to be incurred:
- 2 i. PSE shareholders will pay 75% of the full penalty within 90 days of
- 3 filing the Annual Report. The remaining 25% of the penalty shall be
- 4 paid no later than April 1 of the second year following the program
- 5 year, subject to adjustments based on the results of ex-post verification
- 6 of savings by the Evaluation Committee. PSE shall provide for
- 7 separate accounting of the penalty funds, with interest accrued (at the
- 8 company's commission authorized overall rate of return), until the
- 9 funds are released pursuant to the RFP process discussed below.
- 10 ii. The penalty will be paid on a pre-tax basis.
- 11 iii. The penalty will be used to fund cost-effective programs through a
- 12 Request for Proposals to third-party contractors. PSE shall initiate the
- 13 RFP process within one month after a payment amount becomes due
- 14 (i.e. upon both the 75% and 25% penalty amounts described above in
- 15 section 7(a)(i) becoming due).
- 16 iv. PSE may seek mitigation from the Commission for under-performance
- 17 due to factors beyond PSE's control, pursuant to section M, paragraph
- 18 42 in the Settlement Terms for Conservation in Docket UE-011570
- 19 and UG-011571.
- 20 b. If an incentive is to awarded:
- 21 i. PSE will collect 75% of the full incentive in the year after programs
- 22 have been implemented. The remaining 25% of the incentive will be
- 23 collected the following year, subject to adjustments based on the
- 24 results of ex-post verification of savings by the Evaluation Committee.
- 25 ii. Incentives will be collected through the existing electric tariff rider
- 26 (Schedule 120), with a separate tariff describing the incentive/penalty
- 27 mechanism (Schedule 121).
- 28 iii. Incentives will be paid on a pre-tax basis. PSE is responsible for taxes.
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- 30 8. PSE will establish an Evaluation Committee, composed of PSE staff and 2-3 CRAG
- 31 members and/or other external parties. At least one Evaluation Committee member
- 32 will be from Commission Staff. This committee will develop and review evaluation
- 33 plans and savings verification. Consideration will be given to use of third-party firms
- 34 to conduct studies as deemed appropriate by the committee to ensure objectivity. PSE
- 35 will recover all verification/evaluation costs through the electric tariff rider, Schedule
- 36 120.
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- 38 9. PSE's portfolio of programs must, in aggregate, be cost-effective from both the
- 39 Utility Cost and Total Resource Cost (TRC) perspectives to be eligible for an
- 40 incentive. The amount of any incentive or penalty shall be excluded from the
- 41 calculation of the Net Shared Incentive, but shall be included to determine overall
- 42 aggregate cost-effectiveness. The Net Shared Incentive is the difference between the
- 43 Company's avoided cost and the TRC value of the Company's annual program
- 44 results. The TRC value will be updated annually according to actual achievement.
- 45 The avoided cost will be based on the Company's most recently filed Integrated

- 1 Resource Plan (IRP). The avoided cost value may be updated between IRPs if
2 conditions warrant and with review and agreement of the CRAG.
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- 4 10. PSE must inform the CRAG if annual program expenditures are expected to fall
5 below 80% of budget or exceed 120% of budget. (This simply reaffirms the
6 commitment outlined in Section D.(8) of the Conservation Settlement in the 2001 rate
7 case).
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- 9 11. The incentive mechanism will sunset after 3 full program years (2007 - 2009). The
10 Company shall complete collection of incentives or payment of penalties for all 3
11 program years under this mechanism. The Company may file a request to extend or
12 modify the mechanism beyond the pilot three-year period, either as part of a general
13 rate case or in a separate filing.
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- 15 12. In calculating actual conservation achievement as a percentage of the target, numbers
16 will be rounded to the nearest