

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-200980

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT
EXHIBIT
BENCH REQUEST NO. 5 (BR-5)

1. The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General’s Office (“Public Counsel”) hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit Bench Request No. 5 (BR-5) for admission into the record of the proceeding.
2. Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-5. The exhibit consists of e-mails, a facsimile, phone calls, and other written materials submitted by the public to provide comment on Puget Sound Energy’s (PSE) power cost only rate case (PCORC). Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission” or “UTC”) Consumer Protection Staff and Public Counsel received and compiled these comments throughout the course of this case.
3. The Commission received a majority of comments via phone, U.S. mail, e-mail, and the UTC’s online comment form for which there are no original hard copies to submit. Commission Consumer Protection and Communications Staff entered the text of these comments directly into a database. The output from this database has been included in .pdf format, and this one (1) file, along with seven (7) attachments provide all comments submitted to the Commission.¹ Public Counsel received 50 comments via e-mail and fax, eight (8) of which are duplicative of customer

¹ Please see ‘200980 BR-5 UTC Cmt Matrix 05-03-2021.pdf’. The seven attachments to the matrix consist of comments or materials from City of Mercer Island, Maureen Kwolek, Don Marsh, Court Olson, Ronald Snell, Elaine Srnsky, and an unnamed individual.

comments also received by the Commission.² Because these comments are duplicative, we removed them from the number tally below. However, we submit copies of these duplicate comments for completeness.

4. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

a. Comments received by UTC

Opposing the rate increase	164
Supporting the rate increase	5
Undecided comments	2

b. Comments received by Public Counsel

Opposing the rate increase	41 (plus 8 duplicative)
Supporting the rate increase	0
Undecided Comments	1

5. Public Counsel submits a total of 213 public comments in this exhibit. Of these, 205 oppose the requested rate increase and five support the request. Three indicated a neutral position or did not explicitly state their position on the rate request.

DATED this 4th day of May, 2021.

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² Public Counsel identified duplicative comments received from customers Lori Elworth, Dana Kapela, Victoria Kapetan, Cindy Kisska, James Miller, Kathleen Sherman, Brennen Smith, and Loan Tong.