BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

For (1) Approval of Proposed Sale of Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s Share of the Colstrip Facilities, and (2) Authorization to Amortize Gain Over a Five-Year Period. DOCKET NO. UE-990267

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