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v.

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ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

NOVEMBER 3, 2004

Puget Sound Energy Summary of Forecast Salary Increases for 2005 10/1/2004

Survey	Projected Average Increase for 2005
Mercer	
Executive:	3.70%
Management:	3.50%
Tech/Professional:	3.50%
NonExempt Clerical/Ted	ch: 3.50%
Nonunion:	3.40%
<u>Milliman</u>	
All Companies:	3.50%
Utility Companies:	3.50%
<u>Hewitt</u>	
Executive:	3.80%
Salaried/Exempt:	3.60%
Salaried/NonExempt:	3.50%
Nonunion Hourly:	3.50%
World @ Work Merit Bu	<u>dget</u>
Executives:	3.80%
Exempt:	3.70%
NonExempt Salary:	3.60%
NonExempt Hrly:	3.60%
Compdata Survey's Pac	ific Northwest
All Industries	3.55%