

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND PILOTS,

Respondent.

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CROSS-ANSWERING TESTIMONY OF
John C. Ramirez, ASA
ON BEHALF OF
PACIFIC MERCHANT SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

Staff-Recommended Ratemaking Formula

JULY 13, 2020

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Exh. JCR-5 UTC response to Data Request No. 5
Exh. JCR-6 UTC response to Data Request No. 6

1 I. INTRODUCTION

2 Q. Please state your name.

3 A. My name is John Ramirez.

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5 Q. Are you the same John Ramirez who filed testimony in this same
6 matter before the Washington Utilities and Transportation
7 Commission (“Commission”) on May 27, 2020?

8 A. Yes.

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10 II. STAFF’S RATEMAKING FORMULA

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12 Q. Do you agree with Commission Staff that the Commission should rely
13 on a formula “similar to formulas used in other industries that the
14 Commission economically regulates” (DPK-1T, p. 7), i.e., electric,
15 natural gas, and water utilities (See Exhibit JCR-5, UTC Staff
16 Response to PMSA DR No. 5)?

17 A. Yes.

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19 Q. Do you agree with Staff that each of the ratemaking formulas for the
20 electric, natural gas, and water industries include a calculation for a
21 fair return on investment (See Exhibit JCR-6, UTC Staff Response to
22 PMSA DR No. 6)?

23 A. Yes.

1 **Q. Was your testimony consistent with the Staff recommendation to rely**
2 **on a formula similar to the ratemaking formulas for electric, natural**
3 **gas, and water industries?**

4 A. Yes, both my testimony and the Commission Staff recommendation is to apply
5 a ratemaking formula that includes a fair return on investment.

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7 **Q. Does this conclude your cross-answering testimony?**

8 A. Yes.

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