

**EXH. KKD-\_\_X  
DOCKET UE-210795  
2022 PSE CEIP  
WITNESS: KARA K. DURBIN**

**BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of  
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.  
2021 Clean Energy Implementation Plan

**Docket UE-210795**

**EXHIBIT TO THE CROSS-EXAMINATION OF  
KARA K. DURBIN  
ON BEHALF OF NW ENERGY COALITION AND FRONT AND CENTERED**

**JANUARY 24, 2023**

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Puget Sound Energy  
PSE 2021 Clean Energy Implementation Plan**

**FRONT AND CENTERED AND NW ENERGY COALITION DATA REQUEST NO. 013:**

**DATA REQUESTS DIRECTED TO: Kara Durbin**

**Re: Equity Data**

Please identify each “burden” experienced by a vulnerable population:

- a. Without the PSE CEIP;
- b. With the PSE CEIP.

**Response:**

Puget Sound Energy’s (“PSE”) Clean Energy Implementation Plan (“CEIP”) framework is not designed to quantify individual burdens experienced in vulnerable populations with the CEIP versus without the CEIP. Rather, PSE’s plan quantifies which subsets of its service area are highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations, and then endeavors to use customer benefit indicators to show how burdens may be lessened and benefits may accrue to vulnerable populations over time, particularly within those subsets.

As detailed in pages 51-59 of PSE’s CEIP, a vulnerable population is defined based on several sociodemographic and environmental data features. Each census block group in PSE’s service area is labeled as high, medium, or low vulnerability, based on the values of those data features.

Any change in vulnerability designation (high/medium/low) as a result of PSE’s CEIP would imply a change to one or more of the data features that define a given census block group’s vulnerability label.

PSE cannot quantify the expected change in some features due to the CEIP, given that changes in those features are also the result of broader socioeconomic trends, such as another pandemic or an economic downturn, which are outside of PSE’s control. However, the CEIP may affect certain features such as estimated energy burden.