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**Disclosure of Communication by**  
**Chairman Mark H. Sidran**

Re: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.*, Docket UE-060266

On July 26, 2006, I accompanied the Governor on a tour of Puget Sound Energy's (PSE's) Wild Horse Wind Project in Kittitas County.

Because PSE has a rate case pending before the Commission, I agreed to join the Governor only after asking the parties to the proceeding if they had any objections to my attendance. All replied that they had no objection. I also made clear to the parties that my attendance would not in any way constitute an endorsement of the project or an indication of my position as to the prudence of the investment for rate-setting purposes. I stated further that I would disclose this visit in the proceeding record.

The following describes our visit. Upon our arrival in Ellensburg, we attended a luncheon at Central Washington University, during which the Governor spoke, Steve Reynolds and Phil Bussey of PSE honored a local citizen for his community service, and Reynolds joined the Governor in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the wind farm. After the lunch, attendees were asked to autograph one of the blades to be installed on the wind turbines at Wild Horse. I signed the blade as follows: "Prudent? Mark Sidran." I then drove with the Governor and her staff to the project site, where we viewed the project and inspected one of the wind turbines. We then returned to Olympia, stopping at a bakery en route.

At no time during the visit did I discuss with any person matters related to the merits of the pending rate case.