

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Docket Nos. UE-072300 and UG-072301
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s
2007 General Rate Case**

PUBLIC COUNSEL DATA REQUEST NO. 642

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Explain fully and in detail the impending exhaustion of this coal supply.

Response:

There is no impending exhaustion of coal from the Rosebud Mine because reserves are available at the current rate of mining to support operations through the end of 2019 and beyond. As noted in Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s ("PSE") Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 641, the current contract for Colstrip Units 1 and 2 terminates at the end of 2009, and PSE and PPL-Montana have executed a new supply agreement with Western Energy Company that is expected to provide coal through 2019 or longer.