

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

Puget Sound Energy 2021 Clean Energy  
Implementation Plan

DOCKET UE-210795

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT  
EXHIBIT

BENCH REQUEST NO. 1

1. The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington State Attorney General’s Office (Public Counsel) hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit Bench Request No. 1 (BR-1) for admission into the record of the proceeding. On December 20, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Virtual Public Comment Hearing (Notice) scheduled for 6 p.m. on January 24, 2023.<sup>1</sup> The Commission and Public Counsel both received and compiled remarks from customers in response to Puget Sound Energy’s Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) Docket UE-210795. Customers provided comments to the Commission either by email or through its online web portal. Public Counsel received comments via email.
2. Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-1. The Commission Consumer Protection and Communications Staff documented comments in a database matrix. The output from this database is included in .pdf format and is included as an attachment to this exhibit,<sup>2</sup> and this file and its 49 attachments provide all comments submitted to the Commission. Public Counsel received five comments compiled into one .pdf document, which we include as an additional attachment to this exhibit.<sup>3</sup> Four of the five comments received by Public Counsel were

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of Virtual Pub. Cmt. Hr’g (filed Dec. 20, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> See UTC Cmt. Matrix (filename ‘210795 UTC Comment Matrix-2-23-2023.pdf’).

<sup>3</sup> See Public Counsel Compiled Cmts. (filename ‘210795 Public Cmt Exh. BR-1-PCU Compiled Cmts-02-28-2023.pdf’).

duplicative of those submitted to the Commission.<sup>4</sup> For transparency, we submit the duplicative comments as part of the attachment to this exhibit, but do not tally it into the total in paragraph 5, below.<sup>5</sup>

3. The UTC Comment Matrix and its comment attachments and the comments received by Public Counsel include all comments submitted from the time the 2021 Draft CEIP was filed on October 15, 2021, through the final date of the hearing for this Docket on January 24, 2023.<sup>6</sup> Commission Staff provided the comment matrix to Public Counsel on February 23, 2023.

4. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

a. Comments received by WUTC

Opposing the filing	60
Supporting the filing	19
Undecided comments	20

b. Comments received by Public Counsel

Opposing the filing	0 (4 Duplicative)
Supporting the filing	0
Undecided comments	1

5. Public Counsel submits 100 total, non-duplicative public comments in this exhibit. Of these, 60 oppose the filed CEIP tariff revisions and 19 support the filed CEIP. Twenty-one (21)

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<sup>4</sup> C. Brownlee, Catherine Benysek, Ken Marzocco, and Philip H. Nusz all submitted identical comments to the WUTC and to Public Counsel. It is important to note that Commenter “B.....” in the UTC Comment Matrix is identical to that received by Public Counsel on behalf of Catherine Benysek’s. See Public Counsel Compiled Cmts. at 5 and UTC Cmt. Matrix at 19.

<sup>5</sup> See Public Counsel Compiled Cmts. at 1–8, 15–17.

<sup>6</sup> At the Evidentiary Hearing, the Commission requested that Public Counsel exclude from this Public Comment Exhibit comments already included as exhibits to testimony filed in this Docket. Public Counsel did not identify any such comments among those provided by UTC Consumer Protection and Communications staff and received by our office.

neither oppose nor support PSE's filed CEIP. Public Counsel counted each commenter once and that is reflected by the total submitted comments.

DATED at Seattle, Washington this 28th day of February, 2023.

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