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Via e-mail and Legal Messenger Service

Carole J. Washburn Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.,* Docket No. UE – 011570 and UG-011571 (Consolidated)

Dear Ms. Washburn:

We have received the Notice of a Hearing on the proposed King County Settlement, set for Monday, May 6, 2002.

When it signed the Stipulation of Settlement, King County did not anticipate the issues that have since arisen. Because early implementation would be of financial benefit to the Wastewater Treatment Division, the County agreed to the May 3, 2002 approval date set forth in Section 6.1 of the Stipulation. However, in response to the Commission's inquiry, the County wishes to proceed with the May 6 hearing as scheduled, and has agreed with Puget Sound Energy, Inc. to extend the Stipulation through Friday, May, 10, 2002.

King County very much appreciates the Commission's prompt and thorough consideration of this proposed settlement. Please let me know if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely, For NORM MALENG, King County Prosecuting Attorney

Donald C. Woodworth Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney cc: Service List