BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Complainant,	**Docket UE-240004**
v.	**Docket UG-240005**
PUGET SOUND ENERGY,	
Respondent.	

EIGHTH EXHIBIT (NONCONFIDENTIAL) TO
THE PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

THOMAS M. HUNT

ON BEHALF OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Funding Guidelines for Company Contributions to the Retirement Plan of Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (the "Plan")

A)   Annual contribution shall fall within a range of the Pension Protection Act ("PPA") minimum[1] and maximum[2] amounts.

B)   Annual contribution shall also be guided by, and not exceed the Baseline Amount[3].

C)   Annual contribution shall be increased, if needed, to satisfy the End of Year PPA Floor Amount[4].

D)   The annual contribution to the trust holding assets for the Plan, if any is required, shall be made in one or more payments, annually, quarterly, or more frequently, at least as frequently as required to comply with pension regulations.

Notes:

1)   PPA minimum amount = PPA Target Normal Cost plus approximately 1/6 of the funding gap between 100% PPA funding and the market value of assets. (Note: Minimum amount could be zero.)

2)   PPA maximum amount = PPA Target Normal Cost plus the additional funding needed to reach 150% PPA funding. (Note: This will generally be a very large amount.)

3)   Baseline amount = PBO Service Cost x 120%; plus 1/10 of the funding gap between 120% PBO funding level and the market value of assets. (Note: Baseline amount aims to provide over the long-term a 120% funding level on PBO basis.)

4)   End of Year PPA Floor Amount = the funding gap between estimated year-end PPA Funding Target x 90% and 11/30 market value of assets. (Note: End of Year PPA Floor Amount is calculated in December and applies only if the Plan's PPA funding level is falling below 90%.)