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NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST
(Due by Friday, May 1, 2020, at 5 p.m.;
Replies Due by Friday, May 8, 2020, at 5 p.m.)

Re: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy*,
Dockets UE-190529, UG-190530, UE-190991, UG-190992, UE-190274, UG-
190275, UE-171225, and UG-171226 (*consolidated*)

TO ALL PARTIES:

BENCH REQUEST No. 15:

Since the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing in the above-referenced dockets, circumstances have changed significantly due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related Governor Proclamations. In response, the Commission granted Puget Sound Energy's motion to extend the suspension date of its general rate case until July 20, 2020.¹ The parties subsequently filed initial and reply briefs, several of which mentioned the economic impacts Puget Sound Energy's customers are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic and made related proposals.

Recognizing that the situation has since evolved, and continues to evolve, the Commission seeks input from all parties regarding options to mitigate the impact in the short-term of any rate increase on customers that results from the final resolution of this case. The Commission requests the parties submit proposals that address variables such as timing, amortization periods, or the use of existing mechanisms that may not be at issue in this proceeding. In submitting proposals, **parties should not seek to re-litigate contested issues in this proceeding, including those related to their respective positions on Puget Sound Energy's level of revenue requirement or individual adjustments.**

¹ Order 07/04/02/02 (Mar. 19, 2020).

Please respond to this Bench Request no later than **5 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020**, by electronic filing with the Commission's Records Center. Replies to other parties' responses must be filed no later than **5 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020**. Please provide a courtesy copy of responses and replies via email to Administrative Law Judge Rayne Pearson at rayne.pearson@utc.wa.gov. If you have any questions concerning these requests, please contact Judge Pearson at 360-664-1136 or via e-mail.

/s/ Rayne Pearson
RAYNE PEARSON
Administrative Law Judge