Declaration Regarding Conflict of Interest

I, [NAME], declare:

1. I am [POSITION] at [FIRM NAME]. As such, I make this Declaration on behalf of myself, [NAME], in my capacity as [POSITION] of [FIRM NAME], the contracting entity with Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (“PSE”) in this matter.
2. [FIRM NAME] has submitted a proposal (the “Proposal”) to PSE to act as Independent Evaluator in PSE’s resource solicitations. [FIRM NAME] agrees that as a condition of entering into a Master Service Agreement with PSE under which [FIRM NAME] would act as Independent Evaluator in future solicitations, it, through its duly authorized representative, will be required to sign this Declaration. [FIRM NAME] also agrees that each of its agents, employees and subcontractors who will or might perform substantive work for PSE will also sign a duplicate original Declaration in his or her individual capacity.
3. I, my family, my employees, and my business interests do not have a financial interest in any of the potential bidders (or any Puget Holdings LLC affiliate, regardless of whether or not such affiliate is a potential bidder) in future solicitations or in the outcome of future solicitation processes, other than as disclosed and appended hereto (Conflict of Interest Disclosure).
4. Further, I covenant that I will, upon PSE’s request, demonstrate that I, my family, my employees, and my business interests do not have, to the best of my knowledge, a financial interest in any of the potential bidders (or any Puget Holdings LLC affiliate, regardless of whether or not such affiliate is a potential bidder) in any future solicitations, bilateral negotiations or contract amendments.
5. If at any time I become aware of any financial interest (as described in paragraph 5) in any of the potential bidders (or any Puget Holdings LLC affiliate, regardless of whether or not such affiliate is a potential bidder) in a future solicitation or in the outcome of a solicitation process or in any of the potential bidders (or any Puget Holdings LLC affiliate , regardless of whether or not such affiliate is a potential bidder) or counterparty or in the outcome of the process of such future activities, I shall promptly notify PSE of such financial interest and PSE may (but is not required to) exercise any or all of the rights and remedies under any Master Service Agreement entered between PSE and [FIRM] as discussed in paragraph 4 above, including without limitation of the Terms and Conditions that would be attached to such Master Service Agreement.
6. I understand that in the event that [FIRM NAME] and PSE enter into a Master Service Agreement as discussed in Paragraph 4, this declaration will be in addition to, and will not supersede or replace, any part of the Master Service Agreement, including without limitation, the Terms and Conditions that would be attached to the Master Service Agreement.
7. I understand that for the duration of the Master Service Agreement I shall be required to disclose the potential of a conflict should one arise.
8. I understand that for the duration of the Master Service Agreement I may be required to resign this Declaration when requested by PG&E.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Declaration was executed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_.

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Name:

Title:

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

The existence of a conflict of interest shall not necessarily disqualify a Bidder, but may trigger additional inquiry as to conflict of interest.

1. Please state and describe any contractual relationship with, or financial interest in, a market participant (including Puget Holdings LLC affiliates, but excluding Independent Evaluator work performed for other utilities) in the Washington energy markets that your firm or the business entity that would be the contracting party for the Independent Evaluator engagement, or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries or directly related companies, currently has or had in the five years prior to the issuance of this RPF.
2. Does any member of your proposed project team have an existing contractual relationship with, or financial interest in, a market participant (including Puget Holdings LLC affiliates, but excluding Independent Evaluator work performed for other utilities) in the Washington energy markets?
3. Are there any other business or personal relationships that you, a family member, your employees or your company has that could possibly influence your judgment or create an appearance of impropriety in executing the duties of the Independent Evaluator?
4. Do you, any member of your proposed project team, the business entity that would be contracting party for the Independent Evaluator engagement, or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries or directly related companies, own or operate power facilities or otherwise participate in any manner in the Washington energy market?