

**KING COUNTY** 

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

## September 9, 2008

## Motion 12844

	Proposed No. 2008-0426.1 Sponsors Hague
1	A MOTION supporting Puget Sound Energy's long-term
2	plans to meet customer needs.
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4	WHEREAS, King County's economy and quality of life depend on readily
5	available, affordable and clean energy, and
6	WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy as the oldest and largest energy utility in King
7	County, has provided readily available, affordable and clean energy to the citizens of
8	King County for more than one hundred years, and
9	WHEREAS, forty-eight percent of Puget Sound Energy's total electric customers
10	and fifty-nine percent of the utility's natural gas customers reside within King County,
11	and
12	WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy employees are committed to the provision of
13	responsive customer service, and
14	WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy has been an outstanding corporate citizen and
15	sustaining partner of many not-for-profit arts and human services organizations in King
16	County, and

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17	WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy has been a strong partner with King County and
18	incorporated cities in developing and implementing effective emergency preparedness
19	programs, and
20	WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy has been a strong partner with King County in
21	implementing and promoting alternative energy and energy efficiency programs, and
22	WHEREAS, updated every two years, Puget Sound Energy's integrated resource
23	plan is an extensive analysis of the expected risks, costs and opportunities associated with
24	procuring future energy supplies. The plan's aim is to help guide PSE's efforts to secure
25	reliable, cost-effective energy resources for serving customers' long-range energy needs,
26	and
27	WHEREAS, PSE is an ongoing partner with King County's department of natural
28	resources and parks, solid waste division, to save kilowatts and therms of energy at King
29	County treatment plants, and
30	WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy is working to consummate a merger with a
31	group of investors to provide for investment of \$5 billion over the next five years in
32	infrastructure and renewable energy, and
33	WHEREAS, as already the Pacific Northwest's largest utility producer of
34	renewable energy, Puget Sound Energy has charted a long-term investment plan to triple
35	the amount of renewable power supply the utility now holds, and
36	WHEREAS, the merger will provide Puget Sound Energy with access to capital
37	necessary to secure future energy supply and delivery infrastructure for customers in
38	King County and western Washington, and
39	WHEREAS, with the merger Puget Sound Energy will continue to aggressively
40	pursue the acquisition of environmentally sustainable energy resources, and

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41	WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy will continue to be headquartered in King
42	County and
43	WHEREAS, the merger will benefit King County citizens who are customers of
44	PSE through stable rates, improved reliability, aggressive energy efficiency programs and
45	access to environmentally sustainable energy resources;
46	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
47	The council supports Puget Sound Energy's long-term plan to serve customers,
48	and proposed merger, to meet the needs of King County customers.
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Motion 12844 was introduced on 8/4/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/8/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague No: 0 Excused: 1 - Mr. Ferguson

> KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None