



**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

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

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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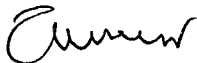
Motion 12844 was introduced on 8/4/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/8/2008, by the following vote:

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

  
Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None