

December 27, 2018

Public Disclosure Commission
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Public Disclosure Commission –

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Mr. Edwards complaint (#44372) dated December 19, 2018. This appears to be a follow up to the complaint that was filed and dismissed by Andrew Saturn. As these issues have been addressed either directly or indirectly in the previously complaint, we will be concise in our reply.

1. After meeting with PDC Compliance Officer Kurt Young earlier on this topic it was acknowledged that the PDC had provided treasurers advice on the sponsorship issue that had now required updates to the C1PC that was filed. When that information was confirmed, we quickly filed an amended C1PC form with the PDC. However, that updated advice was not provided until after the initial C1PC had been filed.
2. At the time of the C1PC filing (and in the 10 days after the filing), it was clear that Puget Sound Energy would NOT be 80% or more of the donations to the committee when other in-kinds and donations were coming in and the refund we were also providing to PSE, which is why they were not listed as a sponsor. It also should be noted that the mailpiece that Mr. Saturn provided earlier does list Puget Sound Energy as a donor in the disclaimer and the C3 containing the full donation information was timely filed, so the public was not deprived of critical information.
3. As we mentioned in our previous response, PSE didn't direct any communication with Up for Thurston County, outside of sending us the donation. This would not constitute an earmarked contribution in this scenario.

Thank you again for the opportunity to reply to this complaint. Please do not hesitate to direct any questions my way and I will do my best to provide further clarification.

Sincerely,

Jason Bennett, Treasurer
Up for Thurston County