BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

Clean Energy Implementation Plan Pursuant to WAC 480-100-640 **DOCKET UE-210795**

DECLARATION OF WENDY GERLITZ IN SUPPORT OF PSE'S TREATMENT OF CONDITION 28

- I, Wendy Gerlitz, under penalty of perjury, declare as follows:
 - 1. I am the Manager, Regulatory Policy for Puget Sound Energy ("PSE").
 - 2. I have personal knowledge of, and am competent to testify to, the matters set forth in this Declaration.
 - 3. On June 12, 2023, I attended a virtual conference with representatives from PSE and Public Counsel, including Nina Suetake, Corey Dahl, and Aaron Tam. The purpose of the conference was to present PSE's proposed approach regarding Condition 28 of the Commission's Final Order in this proceeding, which states:

Within 60 days of this Order, PSE must retain a facilitator for the EAG. Among other tasks, the facilitator would document EAG members' feedback and PSE's responses to that feedback. PSE must select a neutral, third-party facilitator that is mutually acceptable to both the Company and to Public Counsel.

4. PSE explained at the above-referenced conference that it had previously retained a facilitator for the EAG (Equity Advisory Group), who had attended meetings of the

DECLARATION OF WENDY GERLITZ IN SUPPORT OF PSE'S TREATMENT OF CONDITION 28 EAG prior to the Commission's Final Order. PSE understood Condition 28 to allow for retention of such facilitator if that facilitator was acceptable to Public Counsel. PSE presented this position to Public Counsel for approval at the June 12 meeting.

- Public Counsel responded with tentative approval but requested time to review the Final Order, its comments regarding Condition 28, and to consult with the NW Energy Coalition and Front and Centered regarding PSE's proposed treatment of Condition 28.
- On June 14, 2023, I received an email from Nina Suetake confirming that Public Counsel had reviewed the Final Order and its comments, and Public Counsel accepted PSE's proposed treatment of Condition 28.
- 7. Attached hereto as Exhibit A, please find a true and correct copy of the abovereference email.

I certify that the foregoing statements are true under penalty of perjury.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 2023, at Portland, Oregon.

Wendy Gerlitz