

PROJECT DESIGN AGREEMENT

(Schedule 71)

THIS Agreement, dated as of this ____ day of _____, 20__, is made by and between _____, a _____ (the "Government Entity"), and PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC., a Washington corporation (the "Company").

RECITALS

A. The Company is a public service company engaged in the sale and distribution of electric energy and, pursuant to its franchise or other rights from the Government Entity, currently locates its electric distribution facilities within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Government Entity.

B. The Government Entity is considering conversion of the Company's existing overhead electric distribution system to a comparable underground electric distribution, as more specifically described in the Scope of Work (as defined in paragraph 2, below) furnished to the Company by the Government Entity (the "Conversion Project").

C. The Government Entity has requested that the Company perform certain engineering design services and otherwise work cooperatively with the Government Entity to develop a mutually acceptable Project Plan (as defined in paragraph 6, below) for the Conversion Project, in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement (the "Design Work").

D. The Government Entity and the Company wish to execute this written contract in accordance with Schedule 71 of the Company's Electric Tariff G ("Schedule 71") to govern the Design Work for the Conversion Project.

AGREEMENT

The Government Entity and the Company therefore agree as follows:

1. Unless specifically defined otherwise herein, all terms defined in Schedule 71 shall have the same meanings when used in this Agreement.

2. The Government Entity shall, within ten (10) business days after the date of this Agreement, provide the Company with a written scope of work for the Conversion Project which includes, among other things, (a) a reasonably detailed description of the scope of the work required for the Conversion Project, (b) a list of the key milestone dates for the Conversion Project, (c) reasonably detailed drawings showing any associated planned improvements to the Public Thoroughfare, and (d) a statement as to whether the Government Entity desires to install the ducts and vaults for the Conversion Project (the "Scope of Work"). The Government Entity shall provide the Company two (2) hard copies of the Scope of Work and a copy of the relevant electronic file(s) in a mutually agreed electronic format.

3. Within ten (10) business days of its receipt of the Scope of Work, the Company shall prepare and submit to the Government Entity (a) a reasonably detailed, good faith estimate of the cost to perform the Design Work (the "Design Cost Estimate"), and (b) a proposed schedule for completion of the Design Work which, to the extent reasonably practicable, reflects the applicable key milestone dates specified in the Scope of Work and provides for completion of the Design Work within ninety (90) business days from the date the Company receives the Government Entity's notice to proceed under paragraph 5, below (the "Design Schedule"). The proposed Design Cost Estimate and the proposed Design Schedule shall be based upon the then-current Scope of Work. Unless otherwise specified in the Scope of Work, the Design Work shall not include negotiation or acquisition of third party property rights but shall include preliminary

planning between the Company and the Government Entity regarding their respective obligations for negotiating and acquiring third party property rights.

4. Within ten (10) business days after the Government Entity's receipt of the proposed Design Cost Estimate and the proposed Design Schedule from the Company, the Government Entity and the Company shall meet in order to (a) review the proposed Design Cost Estimate, (b) review the proposed Design Schedule; (c) review the Scope of Work, and (d) make any changes necessary to create a final Scope of Work, final Design Cost Estimate, and final Design Schedule that are reasonably acceptable to both parties. If the parties are unable to agree upon a final version of the Scope of Work, Design Cost Estimate, and/or Design Schedule, then either party may, by written notice to the other party, submit the matter for resolution pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures in paragraph 16, below. The final Scope of Work, Design Cost Estimate and Design Schedule, once determined in accordance with this paragraph 4, may thereafter be changed or amended only in accordance with the change procedures set forth in paragraph 13, below.

5. The Government Entity shall, within ten (10) business days after determination of the final of the Scope of Work, Design Cost Estimate, and Design Schedule, issue (a) a written notice to proceed which shall delineate the final Scope of Work, Design Cost Estimate, and Design Schedule, or (b) a written notice to terminate this Agreement without cost to the Government Entity. If the Government Entity terminates this Agreement, the costs incurred by the Company in preparing and submitting the Design Cost Estimate and the Design Schedule shall not be reimbursable to the Company, and the rights and obligations of the parties under this Agreement shall be terminated in their entirety and without liability to either party.

6. Following the Company's receipt of the notice to proceed, and within the applicable time period specified in the Design Schedule, the Company shall, with the cooperation and assistance of the Government Entity as outlined in this Agreement, prepare a project plan for the Conversion Project (the "Project Plan") which shall include, among other things, the following: (a) a detailed description of the work that is required to be performed by each party and any third party in connection with the Conversion Project (the "Construction Work"), (b) the applicable requirements, drawings, and specifications for the Construction Work, (c) a description of any operating and other property rights that are required to be obtained by each party for the Conversion Project (and the requirements and specifications with respect thereto), (d) a detailed estimate of the costs to be incurred by each party in its performance of the Construction Work, and (e) a detailed schedule for completing the Construction Work (including, without limitation, the dates for delivery of the ducts and vaults and other materials for use at the site of the Construction Work).

7. The Government Entity shall be responsible for coordinating the Design Work with all other design work to be performed in connection with the Conversion Project and any associated planned improvements to the Public Thoroughfare. The parties shall work together in an effort to mitigate the costs of the Conversion Project to each party, including, without limitation, identifying ways to accommodate the facilities of the Company to be installed as part of the Conversion Project within the Public Thoroughfare.

8. Within the applicable time period specified in the Design Schedule, the Company shall prepare and submit to the Government Entity a proposed initial draft of the Project Plan. The parties understand and acknowledge that the proposed Project Plan submitted by the Company shall be preliminary in nature and shall not include, without limitation, information

required to be supplied by the Government Entity (e.g., scope and estimate of the cost of the Construction Work to be performed by the Government Entity).

9. Within the applicable time period specified in the Design Schedule, the Government Entity shall (a) review the proposed Project Plan submitted by the Company, (b) complete any information required to be supplied by the Government Entity, (c) make any changes required to conform the proposed Project Plan to the Scope of Work and this Agreement, and (d) return the amended Project Plan to the Company.

10. Within the applicable time period specified in the Design Schedule, the Company shall review the amended Project Plan submitted by the Government Entity and notify the Government Entity in writing of either the Company's acceptance of, or the Company's specific objections to, the amended Project Plan. If the Company makes any objection to the amended Project Plan, and the parties are unable to resolve the objections and mutually agree upon the Project Plan prior to the final design date specified in the Design Schedule, then either party may, by written notice to the other party, submit the matter for resolution pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures in paragraph 16, below. The Project Plan, as mutually agreed upon by the parties or established through the dispute resolution process, shall be attached to and incorporated in a Project Construction Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Construction Agreement") which is to be signed by the parties prior to commencement of the Construction Work.

11. The parties intend and agree that the Design Work and the Project Plan in its final form shall conform to the following requirements:

- (a) The Project Plan shall, if requested by the Government Entity in its initial Scope of Work, specify that the Government Entity shall install the ducts and vaults for

the Conversion Project; provided that (i) the parties mutually agree upon and set forth in the Project Plan (A) the costs of such installation work to be included in the Cost of Conversion, and (B) the specifications and standards applicable to such installation work, and (ii) such installation work is accomplished by the Government Entity in accordance with the applicable design and construction specifications provided by the Company and set forth in the Project Plan.

- (b) Each estimate of the costs to be incurred by a party shall, at a minimum, be broken down by (i) the design and engineering costs, (ii) property and related costs, including any costs of obtaining operating rights, and (iii) construction costs, including and listing separately inspection, labor, materials, and equipment.
- (c) All facilities of the Company installed as part of the Conversion Project shall be located, and all related property and operating rights shall be obtained, in the manner set forth in the applicable provisions of Schedule 71. The Project Plan shall describe in detail the location of such facilities, any related property and operating rights required to be obtained, and the relative responsibilities of the parties with respect thereto.
- (d) The schedule set forth in the Project Plan for completing the Construction Work shall include, at a minimum, milestone time periods for completion of the Trenching, installation of ducts and vaults, the construction and removal of any Temporary Service, and the removal of overhead facilities.
- (e) The Project Plan may include the specification of work and requirements for Government-Requested Upgrades and Company-Initiated Upgrades; provided, however, that the costs incurred by the Company with respect to the design and

engineering of Company-Initiated Upgrades shall not be included in the costs reimbursable to the Company under this Agreement or the Construction Agreement. For purposes of the foregoing, (i) the term "Government-Requested Upgrade" shall mean any feature of the Underground Distribution System which is requested by the Government Entity and is not reasonably required to make the Underground Distribution System comparable to the overhead distribution system being replaced, and (ii) the term "Company-Initiated Upgrade" shall mean any feature of the Underground Distribution System which is required by the Company and is not reasonably required to make the Underground Distribution System comparable to the overhead distribution system being replaced. For purposes of subparagraph (ii), above, a "comparable" system shall include, unless the parties otherwise agree, the number of empty ducts (not to exceed two (2), typically having a diameter of 6" or less) of such diameter and number as may be specified and agreed upon in the final Scope of Work necessary to replicate the load-carrying capacity (system amperage class) of the overhead system being replaced. For purposes of subparagraph (i), above, any empty ducts installed at the request of the Government Entity shall be a Government-Requested Upgrade.

- (f) The Project Plan shall set forth all specifications, design standards and other requirements for the Construction Work and the Conversion Project, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) applicable federal and state safety and electric codes and standards, (ii) applicable construction and other standards of the Company, and (iii) applicable street design and other standards of the

Government Entity which are in effect as of the commencement of the Conversion Project.

12. Upon request of the Government Entity, and in any event at the times specified in the Design Schedule, the Company shall provide periodic reports which compare the actual costs of the Design Work incurred to that point in time to the Design Cost Estimate, as changed or amended in accordance with paragraph 13, below. Further, if at any time the Company reasonably expects that the actual cost of the Design Work will exceed the Design Cost Estimate, as changed or amended in accordance with paragraph 13, below, the Company shall notify the Government Entity immediately. Upon receipt of the Company's notice, the Government Entity may, at its option, (a) notify the Company in writing that this Agreement is terminated; or (b) request a reasonably detailed explanation supported by documentation (reasonably satisfactory to the Government Entity) to establish that the actual costs in excess of the Design Cost Estimate are (i) reasonable, (ii) consistent with the Scope of Work, and (iii) consistent with sound engineering practices. If the Government Entity requests an explanation, the Government Entity shall, within ten (10) business days after receipt of the explanation, (A) change the Scope of Work in accordance with paragraph 13, below, or (B) direct the Company to continue with the Design Work without a change in the Scope of Work, but reserving to the Government Entity the right to dispute the reasonableness of the costs to be paid the Company under paragraph 14, below, in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures in paragraph 16, below, or (C) direct the Company to discontinue performing the Design Work pending resolution, pursuant to paragraph 16, below, of any dispute regarding the reasonableness of the costs, in which event the Design Schedule will be adjusted to reflect the delay, or (D) notify the Company in writing that this Agreement is terminated. In the event the Government Entity terminates this Agreement or

discontinues the performance of the Design Work under subparagraph (C), above, for more than ninety (90) days, the Government Entity shall pay the Company for all costs incurred by the Company in its performance of the Design Work prior to the date the Company receives the Government Entity's notice of termination, plus any costs incurred by the Company for materials and other items ordered or procured by the Company with the prior authorization of the Government Entity in order to meet the schedule for the Conversion Project. The foregoing payment obligation shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

13. (a) Either party may, at any time, by written notice thereof to the other Party, request changes to the Scope of Work (a "Request for Change"). No Request for Change shall be effective and binding upon the parties unless signed by an authorized representative of each party. If any approved Request for Change would cause an increase in the cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the Design Work, an equitable adjustment in the Design Cost Estimate and the Design Schedule shall be made to reflect such increase. The parties shall negotiate in good faith with the objective of agreeing in writing on a mutually acceptable equitable adjustment. If the parties are unable to agree upon the terms of the equitable adjustment, either party may submit the matter for resolution pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures in paragraph 16, below. Notwithstanding any dispute or delay in reaching agreement or arriving at a mutually acceptable equitable adjustment, each party shall, if requested by the other party, proceed with the Design Work in accordance with the Request for Change. Any such request to proceed must be accompanied by a written statement setting forth the requesting party's reasons for rejecting the proposed equitable adjustment of the other party.

(b) The Design Cost Estimate and/or the Design Schedule shall be equitably adjusted from time to time to reflect any change in the costs or time required to perform the Design Work

to the extent such change is caused by: (i) any Force Majeure Event under paragraph 17, below, (ii) the discovery of any condition within the Conversion Area which affects the scope, cost, schedule or other aspect of the Design Work and was not known by or disclosed to the affected party prior to the date of this Agreement, or (iii) any change or inaccuracy in any assumptions regarding the scope, cost, schedule or other aspect of the Design Work which are expressly identified by the parties in the final Scope of Work. Upon the request of either party, the parties will negotiate in good faith with the objective of agreeing in writing on a mutually acceptable equitable adjustment. If, at any time thereafter, the parties are unable to agree upon the terms of the equitable adjustment, either party may submit the matter for resolution pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions in paragraph 16, below.

14. Upon completion of the Design Work (i.e., the date on which the Project Plan is final under paragraph 10, above, either by mutual agreement of the parties or as established through the dispute resolution procedures), the Government Entity shall pay the Company all actual, reasonable costs to the Company for the Design Work (which, if disputed in good faith by the Government Entity, may be submitted by either party for resolution pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions in paragraph 16, below), plus any costs incurred by the Company for materials and other items ordered by the Company with the prior authorization of the Government Entity in order to meet the schedule for the Conversion Project. If, thereafter, the Construction Agreement is executed by the parties and the Conversion Project is completed within five (5) years from the date of this Agreement, the full amount of the costs incurred by the Company in its performance of the Design Work shall be included in the "Shared Company Costs" under the Construction Agreement and any payment of such amounts under this

Agreement shall be credited to the Government Entity in calculating the "Net Amount" payable under the Construction Agreement.

15. Within sixty (60) business days after completion of the Design Work, the Company shall issue to the Government Entity an itemized invoice for the amounts payable under this Agreement. Such invoice shall be in a form mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Government Entity and shall, at a minimum, itemize the design and engineering costs, including and listing separately inspection, labor, materials and equipment. In the event the Government Entity does not verify such invoice within ten (10) business days of receipt, the Government Entity shall provide a written request to the Company specifying the additional information needed to verify the invoice. The Company will provide, within a reasonable period after receipt of any request, such documentation and information as the Government Entity may reasonably request to verify such invoice. The Government Entity shall pay the Company all amounts payable under this Agreement within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Company's invoice. Payment as provided in this Agreement shall be full compensation for the Company's performance of the Design Work, including without limitation all services rendered and all materials, supplies, equipment, and incidentals necessary to complete the Design Work.

16. Dispute Resolution Procedures

- (a) Any dispute, disagreement or claim arising out of or concerning this Agreement must first be presented to and considered by the parties. A party who wishes dispute resolution shall notify the other party in writing as to the nature of the dispute. Each party shall appoint a representative who shall be responsible for representing the party's interests. The representatives shall exercise good faith efforts to resolve the dispute. Any dispute that is not resolved within ten (10)

business days of the date the disagreement was first raised by written notice shall be referred by the parties' representatives in writing to the senior management of the parties for resolution. In the event the senior management are unable to resolve the dispute within twenty (20) business days (or such other period as the parties may agree upon), each party may pursue resolution of the dispute through other legal means consistent with the terms of this Agreement. All negotiations pursuant to these procedures for the resolution of disputes shall be confidential and shall be treated as compromise and settlement negotiations for purposes of the state and federal rules of evidence.

- (b) Any claim or dispute arising hereunder which relates to the Scope of Work, Design Cost Estimate, and Design Schedule under paragraph 4, above; the Project Plan under paragraph 10, above; or any Request for Change (including, without limitation, any associated equitable adjustment) under paragraph 13, above; and is not resolved by senior management within the time permitted under paragraph 16(a), above, shall be resolved by arbitration in Seattle, Washington, under the Construction Industry Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect. The decision(s) of the arbitrator(s) shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the Parties. All other disputes shall be resolved by litigation in any court or governmental agency, as applicable, having jurisdiction over the Parties and the dispute.
- (c) In connection with any arbitration under this paragraph 16, costs of the arbitrator(s), hearing rooms and other common costs shall be divided equally among the parties. Each party shall bear the cost and expense of preparing and

presenting its own case (including, but not limited to, its own attorneys' fees); provided, that, in any arbitration, the arbitrator(s) may require, as part of his or her decision, reimbursement of all or a portion of the prevailing party's costs and expenses by the other party.

- (d) Unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing, the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement during the pendency of any dispute.

17. In the event that either party is prevented or delayed in the performance of any of its obligations under this Agreement by reason beyond its reasonable control (a "Force Majeure Event"), then that party's performance shall be excused during the Force Majeure Event. Force Majeure Events shall include, without limitation, war; civil disturbance; flood, earthquake or other Act of God; storm, earthquake or other condition which necessitates the mobilization of the personnel of a party or its contractors to restore utility service to customers; laws, regulations, rules or orders of any governmental agency; sabotage; strikes or similar labor disputes involving personnel of a party, its contractors or a third party; or any failure or delay in the performance by the other party, or a third party who is not an employee, agent or contractor of the party claiming a Force Majeure Event, in connection with the Work or this Agreement. Upon removal or termination of the Force Majeure Event, the party claiming a Force Majeure Event shall promptly perform the affected obligations in an orderly and expedited manner under this Agreement or procure a substitute for such obligation. The parties shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to eliminate or minimize any delay caused by a Force Majeure Event.

18. This Agreement is subject to the General Rules and Provisions set forth in Tariff Schedule 80 of the Company's electric Tariff G and to Schedule 71 of such Tariff as approved by

the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and in effect as of the date of this Agreement.

19. Any notice under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be faxed (with a copy followed by mail or hand delivery), delivered in person, or mailed, properly addressed and stamped with the required postage, to the intended recipient as follows:

If to the Government Entity: _____

Attn: _____

Fax: _____

If to the Company:

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

Attn: _____

Fax: _____

Either party may change its address specified in this paragraph by giving the other party notice of such change in accordance with this paragraph.

20. This Agreement shall in all respects be interpreted, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington (without reference to rules governing conflict of laws), except to the extent such laws may be preempted by the laws of the United States of America.

21. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and all other agreements and understandings of the Parties, whether written or oral, with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement are hereby superseded in their entirety.

22. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective successors, assigns, purchasers, and transferees of the parties, including but not limited to, any entity to which the rights or obligations of a party are assigned, delegated, or transferred in any corporate reorganization, change of organization, or purchase or transfer of assets by or to another corporation, partnership, association, or other business organization or division thereof.

Government Entity:

BY _____

ITS _____

Date Signed _____

Company:

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

BY _____

ITS _____

Date Signed _____

Approved as to form:
