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VIA EMAIL AND OVERNIGHT MAIL

The Honorable Dennis J. Moss
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

**Re: Consolidated Docket Nos. UE-010911 and UE-010778
City of Auburn, et al v. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.**

Dear Judge Moss:

By this letter, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") respectfully requests an extension of time to answer the Petition for Reconsideration of the Commission's January 28, 2002, Third Supplemental Order. Answers are currently due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2002.

Due to the recent hearings on PSE's interim rate case (UE-011570), I did not become aware of the Notice of Opportunity to File Answer issued on February 21, 2002, until February 25, 2002. Shortly thereafter, the deadline for posthearing briefs in UE-011570 was extended from March 1, 2002 to March 8, 2002. I will be extremely busy between now and March 8 with the posthearing brief and a number of other pressing matters.

Under the circumstances, PSE requests an extension of time to answer the City of Kent's Petition for Reconsideration until Friday, March 15, 2002. I have consulted with Mr. Michael Charneski, counsel for the City of Kent, who has authorized me to state that the City of Kent has no objection to the requested extension.

Very truly yours,

Kirstin S. Dodge

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