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Carole J. Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W.
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

**Re: Request for Extension of Time;
Docket Nos. UE-011570/UG-011571**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Pursuant to the Thirteenth Supplemental Order issued in this proceeding on July 29, 2002, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE") is required to advise the Commission and parties today of the testimony and exhibits on which it will rely at hearing on the remaining contested issues in this proceeding.

PSE will provide such notice today *with respect to natural gas revenue requirements*. However, PSE hereby respectfully requests an extension of time until 12:00 noon on Monday, August 12, 2002, to provide such notice *with respect to natural gas rate spread and rate design issues*. The remaining parties to this proceeding continue to be involved in collaborative settlement discussions. PSE believes that a short delay in filing the rate spread/rate design aspect of the notice will facilitate potential settlement of this case without the need for further litigation.

Counsel for PSE has been authorized to indicate that Staff, Public Counsel, NWIGU, Seattle Steam and CMS support and/or do not oppose the requested extension.

Very truly yours,

Kirstin S. Dodge

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cc: Judge Dennis J. Moss, Administrative Law Judge
Parties of Record