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RE: Docket UE-230880 (Advice No. 2023-48)
Puget Sound Energy's Electric Tariff Revision - Do Not Redocket

Dear Executive Director Hunter:

Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") hereby submits in connection with Docket UE-230880 the following two requests per discussions with the staff of Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission"). Both PSE requests pertain to the exemption from WAC 480-106-040(1)(b) which requires a utility to identify its estimated avoided cost of capacity based on the projected fixed cost of the next planned capacity addition identified in the utility's most recent integrated resource plan ("IRP") acknowledged by the Commission. Whereas, the Commission issued a notice to interested persons on July 25, 2023, that the Commission is discontinuing the practice of issuing acknowledgment letters for electric IRPs in all cases.

As suggested by the Commission staff, PSE respectfully requests a five-year exemption from WAC 480-106-040(1)(b) and a removal, from this docket, the proposed 15th Revision of Sheet No. 91-A that accompanied its initial October 26, 2023 filing, submitted under Advice No. 2023-48.

 Withdrawing 15<sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 91-A, Schedule 91 Purchases from Qualifying Facilities of Five Megawatts or Less (Continued)

This request of the five-year exemption from WAC 480-106-040(1)(b) replaces the original exemption request stated in PSE's October 26, 2023 filing transmittal letter and in the tariff language addition proposed in the 15<sup>th</sup> revision of Sheet No. 91-A.

There are no changes to the other proposed tariff sheets, including the issue date of October 26, 2023, and the effective date of January 1, 2024. Notice and posting of proposed tariff changes, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed in accordance with WAC 480-100-193(1). The tariff changes proposed in the filing do not increase recurring charges nor restrict access to the optional services under Schedule 91. No notice is required under the provisions of WAC 480-100-194 or -195.

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In addition, per WAC 480-106-030(5), PSE has been posting at its web site at <a href="https://www.pse.com/green-options/Renewable-Energy-Programs/distributed-renewables">https://www.pse.com/green-options/Renewable-Energy-Programs/distributed-renewables</a> the information on how to obtain draft and executable contracts and the nonbinding term sheets with limited contract provisions for qualifying facilities with capacities of greater than five megawatts.

Please contact Mei Cass at (425) 462-3800 for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 462-3946.

Sincerely,

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