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Mr. Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
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**Re: Low Income Program Outcome Compliance Filing
Docket Nos. UE-011570 & UG-011571 (consolidated)**

Dear Mr. King:

The purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission’s Twelfth Supplemental Order: Rejecting Tariff Filing; Approving and Adopting Settlement Stipulation Subject to Modifications, Clarifications, and Conditions; Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing in consolidated Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UG-011571 (“Twelfth Supplemental Order”). The attached filing, an original report and twelve copies, describes Puget Sound Energy’s low income bill assistance program, the Home Energy Lifeline Program (“HELP”), for the 2015 program year (the 12-month period October 2015 through September 2016).

Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) first implemented the HELP in accordance with the terms outlined in Exhibit G to Settlement Stipulation Agreement in Twelfth Supplemental Order dated June 20, 2002. Program details and funding level have since been modified in Docket Nos. UE-060266 and UG-060267 (consolidated), UE-072300 and UG-072301 (consolidated), UE-090704 and UG-090705 (consolidated), UE-111048 and UG-111049 (consolidated), and the dockets for PSE’s Expedited Rate Filing and Decoupling mechanisms¹. The funding for the 2015 HELP year also reflected the rate changes in PSE’s Decoupling rate filings that became effective May 1, 2015, under Docket Nos. UE-150524 and UG-150524.

This annual report meets the Commission’s requirements by providing the following HELP information: the number of participants, the total amount of assistance paid, and the average level of assistance per household.

¹ Order 7 of consolidated Docket Nos. UE-121697 and UG-121705 (Decoupling) and consolidated Docket Nos. UE-130137 and UG-130138 (Expedited Rate Filing)

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Attachment:
Annual Report on Program Outcome of PSE's Low Income Program