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Carole Washburn Executive Secretary Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Pk. Dr. S.W. PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

> Re: Advice No. 2003-31 – Electric Tariff Filing Application for Power Cost Adjustment – Power Cost Only Rate Review Filing Docket No: UE-031725

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Public Counsel requests that the Commission suspend and set for hearing the matters presented by Puget Sound Energy in this filing. The filing seeks a rate increase for virtually all of Puget's electric customers. It is complex, and as the first filing of its type under the settlement and order resolving Puget's last general rate case, important to address in a thorough manner consistent with that settlement. Although we are unable to attend the open meeting due to previous commitments, Public Counsel looks forward to participating in the proceeding.

Sincerely,

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