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April 12, 2017

Gregory Kopta
Administrative Law Judge
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transp. Comm'n v. Puget Sound Energy*
Docket PG-160924

Dear Judge Kopta:

Commission Staff and PSE filed its proposed settlement agreement and narrative in support of that agreement on March 28, 2017. We learned on April 10, 2017, that Public Counsel would not be joining our settlement agreement after participating in extensive settlement negotiations. Rather than require the parties to file testimony and exhibits in support of or in opposition to the settlement agreement simultaneously on May 1, 2017, as the Commission ordered in its March 28, 2017, Notice, Commission Staff proposes that we follow the procedural process adopted by the Commission in the CenturyLink 911 case (Docket UT-140597) after Public Counsel declined to join the settlement agreement in that case, also following extensive settlement negotiations:

Event	Deadline
Staff & Company settlement and narrative	March 28, 2017
Public Counsel responsive testimony	April 14, 2017
Staff & Company rebuttal testimony	May 8, 2017
Settlement hearing	May 15, 2017 (no change)

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Parties