***Via Electronic and United States Mail***

April 12, 2017

Gregory Kopta

Administrative Law Judge

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW

P.O. Box 47250

Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

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:

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| **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) |

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Parties