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Re: Puget Sound Energy's Request for Approval of 2023 Natural Gas Conservation Potential Assessment

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.380, attached for filing is Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") 2023 Natural Gas Conservation Potential Assessment ("2023 Natural Gas CPA")¹. PSE respectfully requests that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") approve the CPA pursuant to RCW 80.28.380.

Consistent with RCW 80.28.380, the CPA was prepared for PSE by an independent third party, The Cadmus Group. In addition to the CPA, this filing includes electronic files, which compose the full 2023 Natural Gas CPA model:

- Attachment A: PSE's 2023 Natural Gas CPA
- Attachment B: CPA Market Analyzer – Potential Results
- Attachment C: CPA Residential – Gas Inputs
- Attachment D: CPA Commercial – Gas Inputs
- Attachment E: CPA Commercial Small Transport – Gas Inputs
- Attachment F: CPA Industrial – Gas Inputs
- Attachment G: CPA Industrial Small Transport – Gas Inputs
- Attachment H: CPA Market Analyzer – Small Transport Potential Results

¹ The 2023 Natural Gas CPA was also filed with the Commission on March 31, 2023 in Docket UG-220242 as Appendix C to PSE's 2023 Gas Utility Integrated Resource Plan (2023 Gas Utility IRP). The CPA Market Analyzer – Potential Results file was also submitted with the 2023 Gas Utility IRP; however, in this filing PSE has separated out the baseline gas input files to submit the full CPA model.

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To ensure the transparency of PSE's CPA processes, an overview of the 2023 Natural Gas CPA's methodologies, results, and impacts was presented to interested parties at three structured, technical CPA workshops held by PSE and The Cadmus Group—the independent third party that prepared the CPA—in January, April, and July of 2022. During the development of PSE's 2023 Gas Utility IRP, PSE also presented information pertaining to the 2023 Natural Gas CPA during public participation meetings.²

If you have any questions about the information contained in this filing, please contact Phillip Popoff, Director, Resource Planning Analytics, at (425) 462-3229 or Phillip.Popoff@pse.com. If you have any other questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

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² For more information about PSE's public participation processes, please see PSE's IRP public participation website, available at: <https://www.pse.com/en/IRP/Get-involved>. As relevant here, information related to the 2023 Natural Gas CPA was presented during the September 22, 2022 meeting.