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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

**RE:** Advice No. 2023-36

Puget Sound Energy's Natural Gas Tariff Revision

Dear Executive Director Maxwell:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-101 and -105, please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revisions to the WN U-2, tariff for natural gas service of Puget Sound Energy ("PSE" or the "Company"):

Original	Sheet No. 1129D	Bill Discount Rate Rider
Original	Sheet No. 1129D-A	Bill Discount Rate Rider (Continued)
Original	Sheet No. 1129D-B	Bill Discount Rate Rider (Continued)

The purpose of this filing is to establish a new tariff schedule, Schedule 129D – Bill Discount Rate Rider, which will allow PSE to recover the costs of its Commission-approved<sup>1</sup> Schedule 23BDR Bill Discount Rate through a new tracker, consistent with the Commission's Order 24/10<sup>2</sup>.

Overall, this proposal represents a revenue requirement increase of \$14 million and an average increase for all customers affected by this tariff change, or a 1.06 percent increase in overall bills. A typical residential customer using 64 therms per month would experience an increase of \$1.02, or 1.07 percent. The calculation of this revenue requirement assumed 70,000 customers taking service under Schedule 23BDR by January 1, 2024. Bill assistance programs are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Docket UG-230561

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Final Order Rejecting Tariff Sheets; Approving Settlements, with Conditions; Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing ("Orders 24/10, "Orders"), in consolidated Dockets UE-220066, UG-2200667 and UG-210918. <sup>3</sup> Per Order 01 in Docket UG-230470, PSE is required to enroll a targeted 70,000 customers into energy assistance or bill assistance programs by January 1, 2024.

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available to qualified customers who need help with their energy bills. PSE customers can go to pse.com or call 1-888-225-5773 to learn if they are eligible. Payment plans are also available.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of August 30, 2023, and effective date of October 1, 2023. Posting of proposed tariff changes, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed through web, telephone and mail access in accordance with WAC 480-90-193. Notice to the public under the provisions of WAC 480-90-194 will be provided within 30 days of the October 1, 2023 effective date. As required by WAC 480-07-885(1)(c) a copy of this subsequent filing is being served on each party to the general rate case proceeding. The filing is being served via email.

Please contact Veronica Martin at <u>veronica.martin@pse.com</u> for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 462-3946.

Sincerely,

/s/ Birud D. Jhaveri

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Attachments: Natural Gas Tariff Sheets (listed above)

Work Papers

Certificate of Service