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Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

**Re: Docket U-180680 Compliance Filing
Condition 44, Low-Income Needs Assessment**

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Attached is Puget Sound Energy's ("PSE") and Puget Holdings, LLC's Low-Income Needs Assessment ("Assessment") in response to Commitment 44 in the above-referenced docket. This Assessment is provided to satisfy Commitment 44 of Appendix A to the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation, as approved in Order 06.¹

This Assessment serves as foundational research and provides PSE with a set of tools to use as new data, assumptions, and strategies are considered going forward. Consistent with the objectives of CETA, PSE is committed to building upon this important work next year through further low-income qualitative research and analysis in order to better understand the barriers and opportunities, in consultation with the Low-Income Advisory Group, relevant agencies and interested stakeholders. By the end of 2021, PSE will complete a second phase of research and prepare a report, summarizing this work and any potential next steps or considerations, which will be provided as an informational filing in this docket.

¹ Commitment 44 provides that PSE will "contribute financial and staff resources to assist in conducting a low-income needs assessment study, which study is intended to provide better understanding of the needs related to energy affordability of low-income households in PSE's service territory, including data related to energy efficiency/weatherization needs and opportunities."

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Please contact Kara Durbin at (425) 456-2377 for additional information about this filing.
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Sincerely,

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Attachment:
Low-Income Needs Assessment Report