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Mr. Steven V. King Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

## RE: 2015 Qualifying Storm Event Report – October 10, 2015 Event

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Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to the paragraph No. 246 of Final Order No. 6, Docket Nos. UE-040641 and UG-040640, et al.<sup>1</sup> ("Order No. 6"), Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") provides herewith a detailed report for the qualifying storm event occurred on October 10, 2015. This is the third qualifying storm event for 2015. In addition to documenting the impacts of the October 10<sup>th</sup> storm event, this report also summarizes PSE's response to the event and the up-to-date 2015 electric system restoration costs associated with the first three 2015 qualifying storm events occurred on January 18<sup>th</sup>, August 29<sup>th</sup>, and October 10<sup>th</sup>.

The August 29<sup>th</sup> event resulted in significant electric system storm damage that has exceeded the \$8 million annual threshold for the deferrable electric system restoration O&M costs for the purpose of Catastrophic Loss Accounting Deferral Mechanism. Therefore, all subsequent eligible 2015 qualifying events restoration O&M costs will be deferred in accordance with Order No. 6. PSE will submit additional Qualifying Events Reports to update the 2015 electric system restoration cost information.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this filing, please contact Mei Cass at (425) 462-3800. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 456-2110.

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Director, State Regulatory Affairs

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As modified and continued in accordance with the paragraph No. 10 of the Partial Settlement of Electric and Natural Gas Revenue Requirements in Final Order No. 12 of Docket Nos. UE-072300 and UG-072301 (consolidated) and the paragraph No. 299 of Order 08 in Docket Nos. UE-111048 and UG-111049 (consolidated).