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Mr. Steven V. King  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
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**RE: 2016 Qualifying Storm Event Report – March 1, 2016 Event  
UE-040641 and UG-040640**

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 occurring on March 1, 2016. This is the first qualifying storm event for 2016. In addition to documenting the impacts of the March 1 storm event, this report also summarizes PSE's response to the event and the up-to-date 2016 electric system restoration costs associated with this event.

The March 1 event resulted in significant electric system storm damage that exceeds the \$8 million annual threshold for the deferrable electric system restoration O&M costs for the purpose of Catastrophic Loss Accounting Deferral Mechanism. All subsequent eligible 2016 qualifying event restoration O&M costs will be deferred in accordance with Order No. 6. PSE will submit additional supplemental Qualifying Events Reports to update the cost information if needed.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this filing, please contact Chris Schaefer at (425) 456-2932. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 456-2110.

Sincerely,

Ken Johnson  
Director, State Regulatory Affairs

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<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).