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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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RE: Commitment 44, Low-Income Needs Assessment Study
Docket U-180680

Dear Amanda Maxwell:

On March 11, 2019, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Final Order 06 (Corrected) Approving Multiparty Settlement; Authorising Proposed Transactions (Order 06) in the above-referenced docket. In Order 06, among other things, the Commission approved new Commitment 44 which required Puget Sound Energy (Company or PSE) to “devote financial and staff resources to assist in a low-income needs assessment study.”¹

On November 13, 2021, PSE filed with the Commission its Phase 1 Low-Income Needs Assessment. On December 29, 2021, PSE filed its Phase 2 Low-Income Needs Assessment, (collectively referred to as Low-Income Needs Report). The Company’s Report, conducted by Cadmus, is a detailed low-income needs assessment study consisting of primary and secondary research.

Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the compliance filings provided by PSE dated November 13 and December 29, 2021, and finds that the Report contains sufficient detail with respect to “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.”² The Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports were both presented to the Company’s Low-

¹ *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Puget Sound Energy, Alberta Investment Management Corporation, British Columbia Investment Management Corporation, OMERS Administration Corporation, and PGGM Vermogensbeheer B.V. for an Order Authorizing Proposed Sales of Indirect Interests in Puget Sound Energy*, Docket U-180680, Order 06 (Corrected), ¶67 (March 11, 2019).

² U-180680, Commitment 44 of Appendix A to the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation (January 15, 2022)

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Income Advisory Committee. Therefore, Staff believes that the filing complies with the Commission's Order 06, entered March 11, 2019.

Sincerely,

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