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Docket UE-210571

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington State Attorney General's Office ("Public Counsel") respectfully submits these comments in advance of the August 12, 2021, Open Meeting. These comments are in response to Puget Sound Energy's (PSE or "the Company") petition for exemption of General Order 601 from WAC 480-100-640(1) to file its Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) by October 01, 2021, and instead permit PSE to file its CEIP by December 17, 2021, as allowed by RCW 19.405.060(1)(a).

Public Counsel's Recommendation

Public Counsel recommends the Commission approve PSE's petition for exemption so that the Company may gather more robust feedback from the Equity Advisory Group (EAG) and more meaningfully engage the community.

This petition resulted from feedback provided to PSE by its EAG. The EAG expressed concern that there was not enough time before the filing date for them to give robust feedback and meaningfully engage the community. Given that this is the first round of CEIP filings, Public Counsel believes it is critical to gather as much feedback as possible from stakeholders, particularly the EAG, and therefore supports the deadline extension.

Public Counsel expects PSE, however, to use the additional time wisely to further engage with the EAG, provide context on issues they may need clarification on, and meaningfully extend their community engagement efforts. Public Counsel also expects PSE to promptly submit the

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CEIP by the extension date in order to give stakeholders adequate time to review it before the legislative deadline.

Public Counsel appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments. If you have any questions about this filing, please contact Shay Bauman at (206) 389-3040 or via e-mail at Shay.Bauman@ATG.WA.GOV.

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