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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, Washington 98503

   Re: **Monthly COVID-19 Reporting – September, 2021 and**
         Revised Past Due Balances for April through August, 2021
         Docket U-200281

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Attached please find Puget Sound Energy's COVID-19 Energy Assistance and Past Due Balances Report for the month of August as required by Section K of the Third Revised Term Sheet in the above docket.

The second tab also provides revised numbers for April through August for the amount of past-due balances for known low-income households that are 30, 60, 90, and more than 90 days past due, and the total amount of those arrearages. As PSE continues to provide energy assistance to additional customers, more income eligible customers become known to us. In other words, prior to receiving assistance, PSE did not know their income status. When an income-eligible customer becomes known to PSE, we move their past due balance to the known low-income bracket and the "known" part of the equation continues to expand as energy assistance is provided to additional customers. It is not that more low income customers are becoming past due, it is that PSE is becoming aware of the income status of already past due customers and re-classifying their historical balances in prior months as "known low-income" based on the fact that they have received energy assistance.

Please contact Carol Wallace at (425) 424-7351 for additional information about these responses. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 456-2142.

Sincerely,

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Attachment A: Monthly Data