BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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| Petition of  PUGET SOUND ENERGY,  For an Order (1) Authorizing Deferral of Electricity Conservation Expenditures and (2) Approving a Tariff Rider for Concurrent Recovery of Electric Rates of Such Deferred Electricity Conservation Expenditures. | DOCKET UE-970686  COMMISSION STAFF’S RESPONSE TO PSE’S PETITION TO RESCIND SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER |

**INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND, AND DISCUSSION**

1. On June 27, 2014, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE or Company) filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC or Commission) requesting rescission of the Second Supplemental Order issued on March 29, 2000, in Docket No. UE-970686. The Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to Respond to PSE’s petition on July 1, 2014.
2. Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Staff (Commission Staff or Staff) files this response in support of PSE’s request. For the reasons outlined in the Company’s petition, the reporting requirements included in the Second Supplemental Order have become repetitive and unnecessary. Therefore, the Commission should rescind the Second Supplemental Order in Docket No. UE-970686, or take such other steps necessary to make clear that PSE is no longer required to file semi-annual reports relating to the Second Supplemental Order.

DATED this 8th day of July, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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