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Mr. Ken Johnson

Director of State Regulatory Affairs

Puget Sound Energy

10608 Northeast 4th Street

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**Re: Puget Sound Energy’s 2015 Electric and Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan**

 **UG-141169 & Docket UE-141170**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has carefully reviewed the 2015 Electric Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) filed by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) on November 25, 2015, and finds that it meets the requirements of Revised Code of Washington 19.280.030 and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-100-238 and 480-90-238.

Please be advised that this finding does not signal pre-approval for ratemaking for any course of action identified in the IRP. At the time of the Commission’s review of a future PSE request to include costs of resources into rates, the Commission will give due weight to the information, analyses and strategies contained in the most recent IRP along with other relevant evidence when determining the prudence of the company’s actions.

Because an IRP cannot pinpoint precisely the future actions that will minimize a utility’s cost and risks, we expect that the company will update regularly the assumptions that underlie the IRP, pursue additional information, and adjust its operational strategies accordingly.

Attached are specific comments from the Commission regarding the 2015 Plan. Commission Staff will provide additional detailed comments as PSE develops its next IRP. PSE should file its next IRP work plan on or before July 15, 2016, and its next IRP on or before July 15, 2017.

Sincerely,

STEVEN V. KING

Executive Director and Secretary

Attachment - UTC Comments on Puget Sound Energy’s 2015 IRP