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William S. Weaver,
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Subject: Puget Sound Energy 2000-2001 Integrated Resource Plan
Docket Nos. UE-992027 and UG-992028

Dear Mr. Weaver:

In an August 28, 2001, letter, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) notified Puget Sound Energy (PSE) of the Commission's acknowledgement that PSE's 2000-2001 Least Cost Plan (plan) was consistent with Washington Administrative Code 480-90-238 and 480-100-238. Unfortunately, a procedural oversight by the Commission prevented formal closing of the dockets associated with the plan—we neglected to reference docket UG-992028 in that letter. This letter corrects the procedural oversight and reaffirms the Commission's acknowledgement that the plan is consistent with Washington Administrative Code 480-90-238 and 480-100-238 for both docket Nos. UE-992027 and UG-992028. We also remind PSE that this letter does not pre-approve for ratemaking any expenditures for resources or actions identified in the LCP or its integrated Action Plan. The Commission will consider the information, analysis, and strategies contained in the plan with other pertinent information when we evaluates PSE's services and rates.

The Commission looks forward to Puget Sound Energy's next least-cost plan. According to WAC 480-100-238 (3) a new plan is due by the end of 2001 ("Each electric utility must submit to the commission on a biennial basis a least cost plan...") The nearness of that date may present practical difficulties for PSE to develop a quality plan. Therefore, the Commission directs PSE to propose, by October 31, 2001, a timetable to complete and submit its next plan. As PSE develops that plan we encourage the Company to address the issues identified in our August 28, 2001 letter, to make full use of input from the Technical Advisory Committee, and to broaden avenues available for public input.

If you have questions, please contact Nicolas Garcia, Policy Strategist, at 360-664-1346.

Sincerely,

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