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**RE: Advice No. 2009-23
Electric Tariff Filing – Filed Electronically**

Dear Mr. Danner:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and Chapter 480-80 WAC, please find the following proposed revisions to the WN U-60, Tariff G for electric service of Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (the "Company" or "PSE"):

- 12th Revision of Sheet No. 85-e - Schedule 85: Line Extensions and Service Lines (Continued)
- 11th Revision of Sheet No. 85-f - Schedule 85: Line Extensions and Service Lines (Continued)
- 4th Revision of Sheet No. 85-g - Schedule 85: Line Extensions and Service Lines (Continued)
- 4th Revision of Sheet No. 85-h - Schedule 85: Line Extensions and Service Lines (Continued)

These revised tariff sheets set forth proposed updates to Schedule 85: Line Extensions and Service Lines. Revised tariff sheets regarding natural gas service line extension standards, Schedule No. 7, are also being filed concurrently under Advice No. 2009-24.

The purpose of this filing is to revise rates for electric line extensions and service lines with updated standard construction costs. The proposed costs were first presented to the Commission in Docket No. UE-090584, Electric Line Extension Costs Study ("Study") informational filing. The cost basis of the Study included work orders completed between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008. An electronic copy of the detailed work papers that support the Study results was provided to the Commission Staff on May 6, 2009, in PSE's response to the WUTC Informal Data Request No. 001 of the aforementioned docket.

All proposed rates for the service lines and line extensions are the same as the initial Study results except the rates for single-family residential overhead primary voltage line extension and underground secondary voltage line extension. Upon further review of the Study data, PSE enhanced the methodology that it has been using to set the rates for the single-family residential line extensions. In the past tariff updates, the average costs of selected jobs with zero or minimum footage were used to set the base costs for a category. Under the enhanced methodology, the average costs are used as a reference point to determine which rate components, base cost and/or per foot cost, should be increased or decreased in comparison to the existing rates and by how much. The proposed rates for single-family residential

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overhead primary voltage line extension and underground secondary voltage line extension reflect their current minimum costs with consideration for the percentage changes at the base cost and per foot cost rate component levels. The overall total costs to be recovered are the same under either the prior approach or the enhanced methodology. Attachment A to this filing details the calculations.

In addition to the line extension standard costs reviewed in the Study in preparation for this filing, the Company also reviewed the costs for transformation from primary voltage to secondary voltage. The transformation costs are applicable when customers request a secondary voltage service. Supporting details and calculations of the proposed transformation charges are in Attachment B.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of September 25, 2009, and an effective date of November 1, 2009. The proposed standard costs updates, however, will become effective on January 1, 2010. The time difference between the two effective dates will allow customers to plan for the line extension standard cost changes.

These tariff changes do not increase recurring charges or restrict access to services. The Company provides cost quotes to customers who request facility extension or modification prior to construction. Posting of the proposed tariff change, as required by WAC 480-100-193, is being made by posting the proposed tariff sheets on the PSE web site immediately prior to, or coincident with, the date of this transmittal letter. Notice of proposed tariff change, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations (including WAC 480-100-195(3)), is being given to the public immediately prior to, or coincident with, the date of this transmittal letter through web, telephone and mail access in accordance with WAC 480-100-193.

Please contact Mei Cass at (425) 462-3800 or Lynn Logen at (425) 462-3872 for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions please contact me at (425) 462-3495.

Very truly yours,



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