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August 30, 2010

Mr. David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
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Re: Advice No. 2010-19 – Electric Tariff Filing – Filed Electronically

Dear Mr. Danner:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and Chapter 480-80 WAC, please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revision to the WN U-60, Tariff G for electric service of Puget Sound Energy (the “Company” or “PSE”).

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| 6 th Revision of Sheet No. 129 | - Low Income Program |
| 6 th Revision of Sheet No. 129-a | - Low Income Program (Continued) |
| 7 th Revision of Sheet No. 129-b | - Low Income Program (Continued) |
| 6 th Revision of Sheet No. 129-c | - Low Income Program (Continued) |
| 9 th Revision of Sheet No. 129-d | - Low Income Program (Continued) |
| 7 th Revision of Sheet No. 129-e | - Low Income Program (Continued) |
| 6 th Revision of Sheet No. 129-f | - Low Income Program (Continued) |
| 6 th Revision of Sheet No. 129-g | - Low Income Program (Continued) |

The purpose of this filing and the companion natural gas tariff filing under Advice No. 2010-20 is two-fold. First, the filing adjusts and trues-up the low income rates as provided in Exhibit G to the Settlement Stipulation Agreement approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UG-011571 (the “Settlement”) and as provided in the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation in Docket No. U-072375 and the Partial Settlement in Docket Nos. UE-072300 and UG-072301. Specifically, the purpose of this filing is to revise the Low Income Program charges in order to reflect actual program funding costs due to changes in billing determinants and the collections over the past year.

Second, this filing reflects a 3.8 percent increase in the annual level of low-income electric bill assistance funding. This requested increase is consistent with the increase to residential customers that PSE originally proposed in Docket Nos. UE-090704 and UG-090705 as described in PSE’s Initial Brief in the same Docket, as follows:

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The company proposed to increase the annual level of low-income electric and natural gas bill assistance funding by the corresponding percent increase to the residential class that are approved by this Commission. The amount of this percentage increase would be added to the low income tariff in the next program year.

Work papers detailing the rate spread will be provided directly to the Commission's staff.

In addition to the funding provided through this filing of Schedule 129, the Company will contribute additional funding for low income programs of \$1,140,074 which is the penalty for failure to achieve Service Quality Index No. 3 in 2009. This is in accordance with the Partial Settlement in Docket Nos. UE-072300 and UG-072301 and the Commission's Order in Docket No. UE-100338. This additional funding will have no impact on rates proposed in this filing.

Several program clarifications are included in this filing as well. First, to achieve more consistency with the Settlement, restrictions were eliminated as to when carry-over funds are to be used within the following program year. Also, the additions of Schedule 7A Master Metered Residential Service and Schedule 51 LED Lighting Service to Schedule 129 reflect specific rates for these relatively new schedules. Finally, the annual limit to individual customer benefits has been updated to the amount of \$1,000, which is inline with the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program cap.

All electric customers who are billed for electric energy are affected by this filing. The amount of change in the dollar amount to be collected through Schedule 129 from that collected over the last year is \$90,023 or 0.004% of the Company's average revenues. This filing does not result in any net increase in revenue to the Company.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of August 30, 2010, and an effective date of October 1, 2010. Posting of the proposed tariff change for public inspection and review, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed 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(1).

This filing represents an increase in customer bills, therefore, the Company will provide notice to customers in accordance with WAC 480-100-194(2) through a notice published at least thirty days before the stated effective date of the filing.

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Please contact Julie Waltari at (425) 456-2945 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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