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Mr. Steven V. King Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

**RE:** Advice No. 2014-33

**Electric Tariff Filing – Filed Electronically** 

Dear Mr. King:

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

The purpose of this filing and the natural gas tariff filing being submitted coincident with this filing is to submit the annual update to the rates passing through the Merger Rate Credit which is required as part of the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation in Docket No. U-072375. The Multiparty Settlement Stipulation is Attachment A to Order No. 8 in Docket No. U-072375 (the "Order"). The Merger Rate Credit (Transaction Commitment number 34) is a commitment to provide rate credits of \$100 million over a 10-year period (\$10 million per year for ten years). Of those rate credits \$1.2 million is fully offsettable by savings which PSE has realized which are associated with de-listing from the New York Stock Exchange resulting in a pass through under this schedule of a credit of \$8.8 million per year, allocated between electric and natural gas customers.

As stated each year and in PSE's initial filing of this Schedule and as reflected in Section 7 of this schedule (see Sheet 132-H) notice will be provided in accordance with WAC 480-100-

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195(3). This provision was included because the rates filed each year in Schedule 132 are credits based on the fixed amount of the Merger Rate Credit spread to all customers based on projected load (plus true-up). The projected load is expected to increase each year which results in the credit rates declining, the impact of which is a net increase to customer bills. PSE will publish this tariff change in the manner it posts tariffs under WAC 480-100-193, even though this filing typically reduces the credit rates which results in an overall increase in rates. However, this filing for rates in 2015 increases the amount of the credit rates and thereby reduces the total bill due to the true-up of prior year's pass through. In accordance with Section 7 of this schedule, this filing will be published by posting the change on PSE's web site immediately prior to, or coincident with, the date of this transmittal letter in accordance with WAC 480-100-195(3). In addition, since PSE is publishing a notice in Docket Nos. UE-143784 and UE-143951 PSE will include the impacts of this rate change in the impacts published pursuant to WAC 480-100-194 for those dockets so that customers will be informed of the overall change.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of November 25, 2014, and an effective date of January 1, 2015. This filing will be published by posting the change on the PSE web site immediately prior to, or coincident with the date of this transmittal letter and making information available by telephone and mail, all in accordance with WAC 480-100-193(1).

Please contact Lynn Logen at (425) 462-3872 for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions please contact me at (425) 456-2110.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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