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# November 18, 2015

Mr. Steven V. King

Executive Director and Secretary

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

P.O. Box 47250

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**RE: Advice No. 2015-32**

**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”).

7th Revision of Sheet No. 132 - Schedule 132 – Merger Rate Credit

7th Revision of Sheet No. 132-A - Schedule 132 – Merger Rate Credit (Continued)

8th Revision of Sheet No. 132-B - Schedule 132 – Merger Rate Credit (Continued)

8th Revision of Sheet No. 132-C - Schedule 132 – Merger Rate Credit (Continued)

8th Revision of Sheet No. 132-D - Schedule 132 – Merger Rate Credit (Continued)

8th Revision of Sheet No. 132-E - Schedule 132 – Merger Rate Credit (Continued)

4th Revision of Sheet No. 132-F - Schedule 132 – Merger Rate Credit (Continued)

3rd Revision of Sheet No. 132-G - Schedule 132 – Merger Rate Credit (Continued)

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 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 to the public will be provided in accordance with WAC 480-100-195(3). This provision was included in the initial filing 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). Projected load was expected to increase each year resulting in the credit rates declining, the impact of which is a net increase to customer bills. In accordance with Section 7 of this Schedule, PSE will publish this tariff change in the manner it posts tariffs under WAC 480-100-193, 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). However, this filing for rates in 2016 increases the amount of the credit rates and thereby reduces the total bill due to the true-up of prior year’s pass through. However, since PSE is publishing a notice in Docket Nos. UE-152034, PSE will include the impacts of this rate change with the impacts published pursuant to WAC 480-100-194 for docket UE-152034 so that customers will be informed of the overall change in rates on January 1, 2016.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of November 18, 2015, and an effective date of January 1, 2016. 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,

Ken Johnson

Director, State Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

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