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Mr. Steven V. King  
Acting Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
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**RE: Advice No. 2016-07 – Natural Gas Tariff Filing – Filed Electronically**

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060, WAC 480-80-101 and -105, please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revision to the WN U-2 Tariff for natural gas service of Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”):

2<sup>nd</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 1137 Carbon Offset Pilot

The purpose of this filing is to extend the Carbon Offset product to the year 2020. Over the past several years, natural gas customers have responded by signing up to purchase this optional product. Currently there are about 1,200 customers purchasing carbon offsets. PSE would like to continue to offer this optional product to additional customers.

The Carbon Offset product, also known as the Carbon Balance Program officially launched in May, 2011. PSE currently has both residential and commercial participants in the program composing 98 and 2 percent, respectively. A variety of commercial customers participate including universities, bakeries, landscapers and architects, among others. Through this optional product 14,818,557 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> were offset last year and 46,227,484 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> since the start of the program.

PSE will continue to build awareness of this option through corporate communications, our website, email marketing, and events outreach. We have also been working with some of our commercial customers to communicate the benefits of the program to their customers and business partners. For example, one neighborhood association gives special preference to landscape companies that offset their natural gas usage through PSE’s Carbon Balance program.

The tariff sheet described herein reflects an issue date of March 1, 2016, and an effective date of April 1, 2016. Posting of proposed tariff changes, 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 480-90-193. This filing does

not increase rates or restrict access to service, therefore notice will be provided in accordance with WAC 480-90-195(3) in the same manner as posting is accomplished pursuant to WAC 480-90-193.

Please contact Julie Waltari at (425) 456-2945 or by email at [julie.waltari@pse.com](mailto:julie.waltari@pse.com) or by Fax at 425-462-3414 for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions please contact me at (425) 456-2110.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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