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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. 2017-06
Natural Gas Tariff Filing - Filed Electronically**

Dear Mr. King:

Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) hereby submits proposed revisions to rates under its natural gas Schedule 140, Property Tax Tracker. This filing, pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and Chapter 480-80 WAC, proposes revisions in the following natural gas tariff sheet:

WN U-2, (Natural Gas Tariff):
4th Revision of Sheet No. 1140-B - Property Tax Tracker (Continued)

The primary purpose of this filing is to implement changes to rates under the established Property Tax Tracker, as provided in the Commission’s Order 07 (Final Order Granting Petition) in Docket Nos. UE-121697 and UG-121705 (consolidated) which was combined with the Commission’s Order 07 (Final Order Authorizing Rates) in Docket Nos. UE-130137 and UG-130138 (consolidated) (“Order 07”). Schedule 140 includes a mechanism for adjusting rates, both up and down, to pass through the cost of property taxes that PSE actually pays.

Schedule 140 provides that PSE must file revisions on or prior to April 15 for rates to be effective on May 1 of each year. To allow adequate time for Commission Staff’s review, PSE and Commission Staff have verbally agreed to adjust the timing. Consistent with the adjusted timing, this initial filing is being made a minimum of 30 days prior to the effective date with an estimate of the current year taxes. In addition, a subsequent filing will be made as close to April 15 as possible, that will update the estimates to actual amounts.

Overall, this proposal represents an average decrease of 0.08% in overall bills for all customers and a \$0.8 million decrease in revenue. Customers on the following schedules will see slight increases in rates, Schedule 86 (0.08%), Schedule 86T (0.12%), Schedule 87T (0.21%) and rental schedules (0.81%). The typical residential customer using 64 therms per month would experience a \$0.04 decrease in their monthly bill.


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WAC 480-90-194 provides that the published notice informing customers of proposed increases be provided at least thirty days prior to the effective date, which is prior to the date when the actual amount of the property taxes will be known, as discussed above. This filing represents a decrease in rates so no notice is required. However, due to the process adjustment discussed above, PSE will provide notice of this filing in conjunction with notice regarding all other filings with May 1, 2017, requested effective dates. PSE will provide notice of the filings with May 1, 2017, requested effective dates through a published notice as provided in WAC 480-10-194(2) on or prior to March 31, 2017.

The tariff sheet described herein reflects an issue date of March 31, 2017, and an effective date of May 1, 2017. Posting of proposed tariff changes, as required by WAC 480-90-193, is being made by posting the proposed tariff sheet on the PSE web site immediately prior to or coincident with the date of this transmittal letter.

Please contact Ms. Julie Waltari at (425) 456-2945 for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions please contact me at (425) 456-2110.

Sincerely,


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Attachments: Tariff Sheet (filename: "PSE Advice 2017-06 Tariff Sheet 3-31-17.pdf" – tariff sheet as listed above)