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Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: PSE's Natural Gas Tariff Filing - Advice No. 2018-40

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") hereby submits proposed revisions to its natural gas Rule No. 9, Bills and Payment for Service. This filing, pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and Chapter 480-80 WAC, proposes changes to the following natural gas WN U-2 tariff sheet:

Third Revision of Sheet No. 21-C – Rule No. 9 – Bills and Payment for Service (Continued)

The purpose of this filing is to exempt natural gas customers who make payment arrangements with the Company from the late payment fee. Customers who participate in the Budget Payment Plan (a payment arrangement as described in WAC 480-90-138 Payment Arrangements), are currently exempt from the late payment fee. This proposal extends the exemption to all payment arrangements and encourages customers to contact PSE rather than pay late.

The tariff sheet described herein reflects an issue date of September 19, 2018, and an effective date of October 20, 2018. 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 coincident with the date of this transmittal letter. 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) 456-2142.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jon Piliaris

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cc: L. Gafken - Public Counsel, S. Carson - Perkins Coie, Ed Finklea - NWIGU Attachment: Natural Gas Tariff Sheet (listed above)