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Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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**Re: Advice No. 2021-13
PSE's Electric Tariff Filing – Filed Electronically**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-101 and WAC 480-80-105(1)(c), please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revision to the WN U-60, Tariff G for electric service of Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”):

28th Revision of Sheet No. 91, Schedule 91 Purchases from Qualifying Facilities of Five Megawatts or Less
2nd Revision of Sheet No. 91-E, Schedule 91 Purchases from Qualifying Facilities of Five Megawatts or Less (Continued)

The proposed changes in this filing include eliminating the requirement of the minimum 5-year agreement term and limiting the applicability of the Schedule 91 Monthly Rate charges to Primary and high voltage interconnections.

The change to the minimum term of a Schedule 91 agreement allows a Schedule 91 qualifying facility (“QF”) to sell electricity to PSE for a specific number of years of their choosing up to the agreement terms for various type of small QFs set forth in Subsection (4) of WAC 480-106-050: Rates for purchases from qualifying facilities. PSE has been working with the representative of existing and prospective QFs in the preparation of this change, and there is support for this increased flexibility on the minimum number of years in the term of the agreement. Currently there is a minimum agreement term of five years (in Schedule 91 Section 6); although QFs do have the option in Section 4.D. to have a term of one year (‘current time of delivery’ i.e., year 2021 for the current year). The proposed change would now allow QFs to have agreements less than 5 years, all the way down to the existing one-year option as shown in Subsection 4.D.

PSE’s Schedule 91 Monthly Rates include 1) a Basic Charge equal to a demand-base charge for QFs connecting at 50,000 volts or more and 2) a set of Basic Charges that are applicable based

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upon the size of the generator and the connecting voltage for a QF with connection voltage less than 50,000 volts. For the latter set, these Basic Charges are equal to the basic charge for standard PSE Electric Service and vary depending on the size of the generator and connecting voltage. These Monthly Rates are in addition to the basic charge for Electric Service at the QF's Point of Delivery, if applicable. The proposed change is to eliminate the Monthly Rate charge to QFs with Secondary voltage output. This is intended to encourage the feasibility and development of small-scale projects such as small school solar projects or small dairy digesters. The Net Output from these small-scale QFs can be marginal at certain times of the year and may or may not cover the Monthly Rate charge. The expected annual revenue decrease for PSE in the future would be approximately \$12,400.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of April 7, 2021, and an effective date of May 7, 2021. The tariff changes proposed in the filing do not increase recurring charges nor restrict access to the optional services under Schedule 91. Notice and posting of proposed tariff changes, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed in accordance with WAC 480-100-193(1).

Please contact Mei Cass at (425) 462-3800 for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions please contact me at (425) 456-2142.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:
Electric Tariff Sheets, listed above