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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. 2021-16
PSE Electric Tariff Revision - Filed Electronically**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

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 (“PSE”).

- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 134 – Schedule 134: Community Solar Project Services
- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 134-B – Schedule 134: Community Solar Project Services (Continued)
- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 134-D – Schedule 134: Community Solar Project Services (Continued)

The purpose of this filing is to add additional clarifying language regarding which electric Customers will be eligible to enroll in service under electric Schedule 134, and to adjust the block size of Community Solar Resource Option One from 1.71kW to 1.46kW.

In its initial filing, PSE calculated its first Community Solar Resource Option as consisting of a total of 1.71kW. PSE plans to blend the output from a larger, ground-mounted site in Kittitas County with several smaller rooftop sites distributed throughout its service territory. To determine the best set of smaller distributed projects, PSE worked with public entities in its service territory to understand the interest in and potential for further community-located solar projects, and subsequently issued a request for information soliciting suitable solar sites on public entity property. Site selection was conducted via a rigorous evaluation process that considered factors such as cost to connect to PSE’s system, solar viability and community benefit. Through this evaluation process, PSE selected the best package of sites for customers participating in the first Community Solar Resource Option.

The final bids that PSE received to construct these projects are substantially higher than the forecast which was used to calculate the initial block size in its Community Solar Project Services tariff schedule. This is due to a combination of higher solar materials prices due to the

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COVID-19 Pandemic and slightly underestimated cost expectations for several of the community-located sites. Additionally, the preliminary forecast numbers did not accurately incorporate PSE overhead costs. In order to reflect the actual costs, PSE is proposing to adjust the block size of Community Solar Resource Option One from 1.71kW to 1.46kW. This allows for the Rate per Share to remain \$20 as originally filed.

Additionally, PSE is proposing to include clarifying language regarding the availability of this schedule. In this filing, PSE is proposing to clarify that eligibility is for customers who are billed monthly on Schedules 7, 7A, 8, 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26, 31, 29, 35, 43, 46 and 49. Over time as PSE continues its AMI deployment, the need for bi-monthly billing should decrease significantly and so more of these previous bi-monthly customers will be eligible to enroll in this service in the longer term.

In this filing, PSE is also proposing to shift the date that service availability will begin from September 1, 2021 to November 1, 2021, with initial enrollment beginning no sooner than 1:00 p.m. on August 1, 2021. This change is being proposed in order to allow sufficient time for leases to be signed and installations completed with each participating site host.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of May 28, 2021, and an effective date of June 27, 2021. Posting of the proposed tariff change for public inspection and review, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed in accordance with WAC 480-100-193(1). No notice is required under the provisions of WAC 480-100-194 or -195.

Please contact Veronica Martin at (425) 457-5624 or Emily Rich at (425) 456-2090, for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 456-2142.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:
Electric Tariff Sheets (listed above)
Work paper