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Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

## Re: Advice No. 2021-26 PSE's Natural Gas Tariff Revision

Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") hereby submits proposed revisions to rates under its natural gas Supplemental Schedule 149, Cost Recovery Mechanism for Pipeline Replacement ("CRM"). This filing, pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and Chapter 480-80 WAC, proposes changes to the following natural gas tariff sheet:

<u>WN U-2, (Natural Gas Tariff)</u>: 9<sup>th</sup> Revision of Sheet No. 1149 - Cost Recovery Mechanism for Pipeline Replacement (CRM)

The purpose of this filing is to submit a tariff filing in accordance with the Commission's Policy on Accelerated Replacement of Pipeline Facilities with Elevated Risk in Docket UG-120715 ("Policy Statement"). This CRM filing includes the true-up of the forecasted October 2020 costs from last year's CRM filing (UG-200840) to actual costs. An attachment and work papers supporting this proposal are included in the filing.

Following the filing frequency from last year's filing, PSE is submitting two filings for its CRM this year. This first filing in late August reflects actual costs from November 1, 2020, through July 31, 2021, and projected costs from August 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021. The second filing, follows the Policy Statement which provides that each company will update the projected costs with actual costs incurred for the months of August and September. PSE expects to submit such an update which is planned for mid-October of 2021 and to revise the rates on the enclosed tariff sheet to reflect the updated costs.

This preliminary proposal represents an overall increase in revenue of \$4.4 million or 0.43% in overall bills for all natural gas customers. The typical residential customer using 64 therms per month will experience a bill increase of \$0.28 per month.

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The tariff sheet described herein reflects an issue date of August 31, 2021, and an effective date of November 1, 2021. 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. Publication of the proposed increase, in accordance with WAC 480-90-194, will be completed through a published notice at least 30 days prior to the November 1, 2021 effective date of this filing.

Please contact Susan Free at (425) 456-2105 or 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,

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Attachments: Natural Gas Tariff Sheet (listed above) Work Papers Attachment A