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Kathy Hunter, Acting Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

RE: Advice No. 2023-60 Puget Sound Energy's Electric Tariff Revision

Dear Executive Director Hunter:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-101 and -105, please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revisions to the WN U-60, tariff for electric service of Puget Sound Energy ("PSE" or the "Company"):

9 th Revision Sheet No. 15	Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems	5
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The purpose of this filing is to propose tariff revisions that will clarify PSE's intent to continue its offering of Net Metering Services to new Customer-Generators after the total cumulative generating capacity of Schedule 150 Net Metering systems exceeds the threshold set forth in RCW 80.60.020 (1)(a)(ii). PSE proposes to make available the Schedule 150 Net Metering services to new customers until December 31, 2025, or another net metering service tariff schedule is approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission").

In compliance with Chapter 80.60 RCW, Net Metering of Electricity, PSE has been offering its Net Meter Services under Schedule 150, which describes the terms and conditions of the services. As prescribed in RCW 80.60.020 (1)(a)(ii), currently, Schedule 150 is available to new customer-generators until the cumulative generating capacity of net metering systems equals four percent of the utility's peak demand during 1996, which is 179 MW for PSE. PSE is expecting that the total generating capacity of Schedule 150 Net Metering Systems will exceed the 179 MW in the first quarter of 2024. Therefore, PSE respectively requests that the Commission approve these proposed tariff revisions for the effective date of January 20, 2024, to minimize the concerns of prospective customer-generators.

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As proposed in this filing, PSE is seeking to amend Schedule 150 to continue its availability for new qualified customer-generators, with the terms of net metering compensation as described in RCW 80.60.030, for at least the next two years in order to:

- Allow PSE to participate in good faith with stakeholders, including the Commission staff, to find the best approach to the next net metering services tariff schedule, and
- Provide customers and the solar industry the necessary transparency and assurance they need to make their net metering system investment decisions over the next two years.
- Advance PSE's Clean Energy Implementation Plan goals by supporting customer installations of additional distributed solar.

The tariff sheet described herein reflects an issue date of December 20, 2023, and effective date of January 26, 2024. 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). The tariff changes proposed in the filing do not increase recurring charges nor restrict access to the optional services under Schedule 150. No notice is required under the provisions of WAC 480-100-194 or -195.

Please contact Mei Cass at <u>mei.cass@pse.com</u> for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at <u>birud.jhaveri@pse.com</u>.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Electric Tariff Sheet (listed above)