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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: 2021 Annual Conservation Plan
Dockets UE-190905 and UG-190913**

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Consistent with WAC 480-109-120(2), Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) presents its 2021 Annual Conservation Plan (“ACP”), which provides updates and revisions to its 2020-2021 Biennial Conservation Plan (“BCP”). The ACP discusses adaptive management steps that PSE applied to its Energy Efficiency programs, operational processes, and systems. In this ACP, PSE provides extensive discussions throughout on its responses to circumstances created by the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic, which had a significant impact on PSE operations in 2020, with strong indications of continued impact in 2021. PSE’s 2021 focus will be on providing innovative ways of engaging customers in the new, virtual environment of today’s society.

The filing consists of several documents:

- ACP
- Exhibit 1: Savings and Budgets
- Exhibit 2: Cost-Effectiveness Calculations
 - Exhibit 1, Supplement 1: NEI Calculation Plan
 - Exhibit 1, Supplement 2: NEI Database
- Exhibit 3: Program Details
- Exhibit 8: EM&V Framework
- Exhibit 10: NEEA’s 2021 Plan for Puget Sound Energy

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The ACP contains extensive discussions on the key revision drivers of electric savings and budgets that were originally indicated in the April 2020 Petition to Modify 2020-2021 Electric Target, (“petition”) approved by the Commission in Order 02 of Docket UE-190905. The ACP also updates original 2021 natural gas savings and budget goals indicated in the BCP filed on November 1, 2019. The Exhibit 1 workbook contains a page (“Compr Apr Petitin 21 to ACP 21”) which details comparisons of originally-planned 2021 savings and expenditures to updated values.

Table 1 provides Portfolio 2021 savings and planned expenditures for both electric and natural gas sectors, with comparisons to the originally-indicated values.

Table 1: Updated 2021 Portfolio Savings and Planned Expenditures

2021 Energy Efficiency					
Portfolio Amounts					
	Originally-Indicated		Updated ACP Values		Revised TRC
	Savings	Budgets	Savings	Budgets	
Electric	230,118 MWh	\$96,266,985	208,965 MWh	\$102,700,629	1.72
aMW	26.3 aMW		23.9 aMW		
Percent Change			-9.2%	6.7%	
Natural Gas	3,374,734 Therms	\$19,426,121	3,389,902 Therms	\$19,432,109	1.68
Percent Change			0.4%	0.0%	
Total Budget		\$115,693,106		\$122,132,738	
Percent Change				5.6%	

Another 2021 PSE activity will be its March Schedule 120 Conservation Rider filing. PSE’s collections and conservation spending has also been influenced by the pandemic. Per a request from Commission Staff to provide insight as to the pandemic’s Conservation Rider impact, PSE calculated its 2020 collections and conservation spending, relative to its 2021 Schedule 120 filing. All figures are estimates, based on end-of-September 2020 data, and anticipated collections through April 2021:

	2021 Budget	2020 Under-Spend	2020 Under-Collect
Electric	\$5 million increase	(\$31 million)	\$2 million
Natural Gas	\$2 million increase	(\$1.5 million)	\$130,000

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The actual effect on customer rates will require adjustment for Schedule 449 and Special Contract customers, and delta comparison to 2020's budget-versus-spend-versus-collections comparisons.

Consistent with WAC 480-109-110(3), PSE provided an electronic version of the ACP files to its Conservation Resource Advisory Group ("CRAG") on October 15, 2020.

Please contact Chris Schaefer at (425) 456-2932 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:

190905-190913-PSE-2021-ACP-Exh-2-Cost-Effectiveness
190905-190913-PSE-2021-ACP-Exh-3-Program-Details
190905-190913-PSE-2021-ACP-Exh-8-2021-EMV-Framework-Update
190905-190913-PSE-2021-ACP-Exh-10-NEEA-2021-Planned-Activities-Update
190905-190913-PSE-2021-Annual-Conservation-Plan
190905-190913-PSE-2021-ACP-Exh-1-Savings-and-Budgets
190905-190913-PSE-2021-ACP-Exh-2-Suppl-1-NEI-Plan
190905-190913-PSE-2021-ACP-Exh-2-Suppl-2-NEI-Meas-List