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**NOTICE PERMITTING ADDITIONAL RESPONSES TO COMPLIANCE FILING
(Due by 5 p.m. January 4, 2023)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy*,
Dockets UE-220066, UG-220067, and UG-210918 (*Consolidated*)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 22, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Final Order 24/10, Rejecting Tariff Sheets; Approving Settlements, with Conditions; Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing (Final Order 24/10). By this Order, the Commission approved three partial multi-party settlements that, considered together, resolved all of the outstanding issues in the general rate case filed by Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company). In its Synopsis, Final Order 24/10 observed that the Settling Parties agreed to, and the Commission approved, an increase to electric rates of \$223 million in rate year one and \$38 million in rate year two; and an increase to natural gas rates of \$70.6 million in rate year one and \$18.8 million in rate year two, for a total of \$350.4 million, companywide, for both years combined. Final Order 24/10 also approved the Revenue Requirement Settlement, which provided that power cost increases embedded in the revenue requirement were assumed equal to PSE's filed case, reduced for the Northwest Pipeline Settlement, but provided for a power cost update at the compliance filing stage in this proceeding.¹

On December 23, 2022, Sierra Club, Front and Centered, and NW Energy Coalition filed a notice accepting the conditions imposed by the Commission in Final Order 24/10. The remaining settling parties filed similar notices accepting the Commission's imposed conditions by December 28, 2022.

¹ Revenue Requirement Settlement ¶ 23.d.

On December 27, 2022, PSE submitted compliance filings for electric and natural gas service sheets effectuating the terms of Final Order 24/10. PSE submitted revised tariff sheets on December 28, 2022 and January 3, 2023, after discovering the need to correct certain charges contained in its tariffs.

On January 3, 2023, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter responding to the Company's compliance filing. Staff opined that the revised tariff sheets comply with Final Order 24/10 and should be allowed to take effect on January 5, 2023. Staff noted, "The revisions to Tariff WN U-60 reflect a base electric revenue increase of \$389.5 million in 2023 and \$33.3 million in 2024 which represents increase of 16.95 percent and 1.26 percent respectively. The revisions to Tariff WN U-2 reflect a \$70.8 million increase in natural gas base revenue in 2023 and a \$19.5 million increase in 2024 which represents increases of 6.4 percent and 1.65 percent respectively."

By this Notice, the Commission requests that Staff clarify how the revenue increases noted in the preceding paragraph comply with Final Order 24/10. Staff may need to provide additional explanation or workpapers, such as power cost update workpapers, so the Commission may appropriately review and approve PSE's compliance filings in this consolidated proceeding. Other parties may, but are not required, to file additional responses to PSE's compliance filings in this consolidated proceeding.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE THAT Commission staff may submit an additional response to PSE's compliance filings in this consolidated proceeding. Other parties may, but are not required, to file responses to PSE's compliance filings in this proceeding. Any such additional responses are due by 5 p.m. on January 4, 2023.

/s/ Michael Howard
MICHAEL HOWARD
Administrative Law Judge