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*VIA WEB PORTAL*

Mr. Steven V. King,  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
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**RE: 2017 Qualifying Events – October 18, 2017 Qualifying Event Report**

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to the paragraph 246 of Final Order No. 6, Dockets UE-040641 and UG-040640 et al.<sup>1</sup> (“Order No. 6”), Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) provides herewith a detailed report for a qualifying event which occurred on October 18, 2017. The October 18<sup>th</sup> wind storm event caused significant damage in Whatcom, Skagit, Island, King, Pierce, Thurston and Kitsap Counties. This is PSE’s fifth Qualifying Event Report for 2017, which also updates the restoration costs associated with other qualifying events that have previously been reported.

Because the first qualifying event for 2017 that occurred last February resulted in total restoration costs that exceeded the \$8 million annual threshold for the catastrophic loss accounting deferral treatment, all subsequent eligible 2017 qualifying event restoration O&M costs including those for the current event will be deferred in accordance with Order No. 6. The attached report summarizes the preliminary 2017 restoration costs as of December 31, 2017 for this event as well as for events which occurred prior to October 19, 2017. PSE will submit additional supplemental Qualifying Event Reports to update the cost information for this and other 2017 qualifying events, including those which occurred subsequent to October 18, 2017.If

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<sup>1</sup> As modified and continued in accordance with the paragraph No. 10 of the Partial Settlement of Electric and Natural Gas Revenue Requirements in Final Order No. 12 of Dockets UE-072300 and UG-072301 (consolidated) and the paragraph No. 299 of Order 08 in Dockets UE-111048 and UG-111049 (consolidated).

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you have any questions regarding the information in this filing, please contact Mei Cass at (425) 462-3800. If you have any questions regarding this informational filing, please contact me at (425) 456-2110.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Kenneth S. Johnson*

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