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

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 22, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 24/10, Rejecting Tariff Sheets; Approving Settlements, with Conditions; Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing (Order 24/10) in consolidated Dockets UE-220066, UG-220067, and UG-210918 (Dockets). Order 24/10, among other things, allowed Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to submit revised tariff pages to begin collecting year two rates, subject to refund if the provisional capital included prior to the rate effective year was not actually in service for customers during the rate period. Order 24/10 required PSE to file a capital projects review to show the offsetting benefits for all capital projects.

On March 31, 2023, PSE submitted its first required Annual Provisional Capital Report for 2022 (Report). PSE requests that the Commission agree that there is no need for a refund to customers at this time. PSE notes that it plans to submit tariff filings indicating that these amounts, initially included in rates on a provisional basis, are no longer subject to later review and refund. PSE further requests that in future tariff filings, the Company should be allowed to submit tariff filings resulting from the Report at the end of the review period rather than contemporaneously with the filing of the report.

On September 8, 2023, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter in this docket stating that Staff had reviewed the Report and believes the filing complies with the terms of Order 24/10.

The Commission finds that the Report complies with Order 24/10 and thus the revenue requirements shown therein are sufficient to justify the provisional capital included in the year two rates. Accordingly, the rates set forth in PSE's Report are no longer subject to later review and refund.

The Commission further agrees that the Company may file tariff revisions in connection with future annual report filings at the end of the review period, rather than contemporaneously with the annual report on March 31st. In issuing this acknowledgement letter, however, the

Commission expects the Company to follow through on its statement that “if the cumulative results for 2022 and 2023 together are still above the threshold in next year’s review, then the required refund will encompass both 2022 and 2023 and can be passed back to customers at that time.”¹

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¹ Report at 4.