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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 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 believed the filing complies with the terms of Order 24/10.

On September 14, 2023, the Commission issued an Acknowledgment Letter accepting the Report as in compliance Order 24/10 and that the provisional rates were no longer subject to later review and refund.

On September 19, 2023, Staff submitted a letter in this docket informing the Commission that Staff's original letter had neglected to state that the Report showed that PSE's provisional rate schedules had resulted in over-collection of roughly \$1.4 million and that the parties had reached an agreement to refund that amount to PSE's natural gas customers. Additionally, PSE has filed tariff pages in Dockets UE-230320 and UG-230323 that reflect

the agreed refund to customers. Staff states that it conferred with PSE and Public Counsel who collectively suggest that the Commission amend its previous compliance acknowledgment.

The Commission's review of compliance filings relies heavily on analysis from Staff and in this case the omitted information led us to incorrectly state that PSE's proposed tariff rates were not subject to refund. We thus correct our September 14, 2023, compliance acknowledgment letter to state that PSE's Report complies with Order 24/10. PSE's provisional rates for its electric customers are no longer subject to later review and possible refund. However, because of the overcollection of natural gas rates detailed in the Report and in Staff's response, PSE's proposed tariff revisions in Docket UG-230323 appropriately propose a refund to PSE's natural gas customers and are still subject to review and approval through the Commission's open meeting process.

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