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Carole J. Washburn
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
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Re: Puget Sound Energy
Docket No. UE-991409

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Dear Ms. Washburn:

On July 14, 2000, Puget Sound Energy filed a Petition to Amend Order in this matter. The Petition asks the Commission to amend its Second Supplemental Order to allow the Company to return the customer portion of the Centraila gain now, through a one-time credit, rather than deferring the customer portion of the gain until the Company's next general rate proceeding.

The Company's letter accompanying the Petition states that Staff agreed that the proposed amendment is in the public interest and should be approved. Please be advised that Staff has not yet reached such a conclusion. Staff did consult with the Company as to an appropriate procedure for the Company's proposal to be brought to the Commission. Staff also discussed with the Company various elements that would be included in the Company's proposal. However, Staff did not "sign off" to the merits of the proposal. While such agreement may be forthcoming, Staff is still evaluating the proposal and will advise the Commission of its recommendation in due course. We assume that the Commission will advise the parties when such positions should be submitted.

Very truly yours,

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Senior Counsel

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Encl.
cc: All Parties



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I certify this day copies of the foregoing letter dated July 17, 2000 directed to
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