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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO
MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION
(Response due by Thursday, July 25, 2013)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.*, Docket UE-130617

TO ALL PARTIES:

On April 25, 2013, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, designated as the Schedule 95 "Power Cost Adjustment Clause." PSE's power cost only rate case (PCORC) seeks to adjust the power cost baseline rate embedded in the Company's electric rates. In this initial filing, PSE proposed to decrease charges and rates for electric service by approximately \$616,833 or 0.03 percent on average. On July 2, 2013, PSE filed supplemental testimony and exhibits to its PCORC request. PSE revised its proposal and now requests an increase in electric service rates in the amount of \$419,934 or 0.02 percent on average.

On July 17, 2013, the Commission's regulatory staff (Staff) filed a Motion for Consolidation (Motion) requesting that the Commission consolidate Dockets UE-130583 and UE-131099 with this matter. The former docket represents PSE's petition for accounting treatment deferring and amortizing certain major maintenance costs associated with the Company's Mint Farm Combined Cycle Generating Station (Petition).¹ The latter docket denotes PSE's application for the Commission to: (1) Determine that the Electron Hydroelectric Project (Electron Project) is not necessary or

¹ PSE's Petition, ¶ 13 and Staff's Motion, ¶ 4.

useful pursuant to WAC 480-143-180(1);² (2) In the alternative, if the Commission finds the Electron Project necessary and useful, approve its sale of the Electron Project;³ and (3) Approve PSE's proposed accounting and ratemaking treatment for the sale of the Electron Project (Application).⁴ Staff argues that Docket UE-130617 involves recovery of the maintenance expenses referenced in Docket UE-130583 and recovery of the Electron Project sale in Docket UE-131099.⁵ Staff also contends that all three dockets share common facts and principles of law.⁶

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That parties who wish to respond to Staff's Motion for Consolidation must do so by 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 25, 2013.

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Administrative Law Judge

² PSE's Application, ¶ 35 and Staff's Motion, ¶ 5.

³ *Id.*, ¶ 36 and Staff's Motion, ¶ 5.

⁴ PSE's Application, ¶ 37 and Staff's Motion, ¶ 5.

⁵ Staff's Motion, ¶¶ 6 and 7.

⁶ *Id.*