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Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Advice No. 2021-06

PSE's Natural Gas Tariff Filing - Filed Electronically

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") hereby submits proposed revisions to its Schedule 120, Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider. This filing, pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and Chapter 480-80 WAC, proposes revisions in the following natural gas tariff sheet.

WN U-2 - (Natural Gas Tariff):

26th Revision of Sheet No. 1120 – Supplemental Schedule 120, Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider

The purpose of this filing is to implement changes to rates under the conservation rider mechanism, as provided in Exhibit F to the Settlement Stipulation Agreement approved by the Commission in Dockets UE-011570 and UG-011571. Specifically, the purpose of this filing is to change the Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider charges in order to reflect actual costs and collections over the past years for conservation programs and the estimated expenditures during the 2021 program year. This filing reflects increased amounts budgeted for the upcoming year and a decrease in the true-up (and approval) of actual costs and actual collections during prior years.

The target level for acquisition of natural gas energy efficiency resources for the two-year period 2020 and 2021 is 7.77 million therms of first-year savings, reported at the customer meter. This target was set after being discussed with the Conservation Resource Advisory Group ("CRAG") and was presented to the Commission in Docket UG-190913.

Overall, this proposal represents a decrease in the conservation revenue requirement of \$1.8 million which results in an average 0.15% decrease in customers' bills. Firm sales service schedules for natural gas service are affected by this decrease. There is no impact to customers taking transportation service under Schedules 31T, 41T, 85T, 86T, 87T and special contracts, as

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they are not billed under the Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider. The typical residential customer using 64 therms per month would experience a decrease to their monthly bill of \$0.10. The tariff sheet described herein reflects an issue date of March 1, 2021, and effective date of May 1, 2021. Posting of proposed tariff changes, as required by WAC 480-90-193, is being accomplished by posting the proposed tariff sheet on the PSE web site coincident with the date of this transmittal letter. Notice to the public under the provisions of WAC 480-90-194 is not required but will be provided within 30 days of the requested May 1, 2020 effective date.

Please contact Veronica Martin at (425) 457-5624 or <u>veronica.martin@pse.com</u>, or Julie Waltari at (425) 456-2945 or julie.waltari@pse.com for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 456- 2142.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Natural Gas Tariff Sheet, listed above Revenue Requirement Work Papers Cost of Service Work Papers