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Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Advice No. 2024-48

PSE's Electric Tariff Filings

Dear Executive Director Killip:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-101 and WAC 480-80-105(1)(c), please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revisions to the WN U-60, Tariff G for electric service of Puget Sound Energy ("PSE"):

103 rd Revision	Sheet No. 81-A	Schedule 81	Tax Adjustment (Continued)
27 th Revision	Sheet No. 81-B	Schedule 81	Tax Adjustment (Continued)
17 th Revision	Sheet No. 81-C	Schedule 81	Tax Adjustment (Continued)
3 rd Revision	Sheet No. 81-D	Schedule 81	Tax Adjustment (Continued)

The purpose of this filing is to update Schedule 81 Tax Adjustment to reflect the City of Sumner's ("City") elimination of its \$1,500 cap on City utility tax on a monthly electric service charge effective January 1, 2025, per the City's Ordinance No. 2894. This change impacts about 0.17% of PSE electric service Customers in the City of Sumner with a PSE electric service charge over \$22,400 per month. City of Sumner's Ordinance No. 2894 is attached to this filing as Attachment A.

Revised tariff sheets regarding natural gas Schedule 1 Tax Adjustment, are being filed concurrently under Advice No. 2024-49.

There is no change to the City of Sumner Municipal Code Section 5.08,030 utility tax rate of 6% and PSE's current effect of the jurisdiction utility tax rate of 6.695% in Schedule 81 Tax Adjustment for the City of Sumner on Sheet No. 81-C.

Per Schedule 81, Section 2, Tax Adjustment, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("UTC") allows PSE to increase the amount PSE charges its customers to recover the cost of a jurisdiction imposing a utility tax levy and the additional expenses associated with

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collection of the jurisdiction imposing a utility tax. The effect of a jurisdictional utility tax rate as shown in Schedule 81 reflects both the jurisdictional utility tax levy rate and the associated adjustments.

PSE does not profit from passing through a jurisdictional utility tax and these grossed up adjustments. PSE incurs additional taxes and expenses as a result of the collection of a jurisdictional utility tax levy. With each increase in gross revenue, additional tax and fee amounts become payable. Therefore, the effect of the tax rate in a jurisdictional utility tax ordinance needs to be grossed up to reflect Washington State Public Utility Tax per RCW 82.16, and UTC regulatory fee per RCW 80.24.010, and additional bad debt expenses associated with the collection of the jurisdictional utility tax for the city.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect the issue date of November 12, 2024, and the effective date of January 1, 2025. Posting of the proposed tariff changes for public inspection and review, as required by law and the UTC's rules and regulations, is being completed in accordance with WAC 480-100-193(1). Public notice to all customers, in accordance with the provisions of WAC 480-100-194, will be provided on or before December 1, 2024, within 30 days of the proposed January 1, 2025, effective date.

Please contact Mei Cass at <u>mei.cass@pse.com</u> for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at <u>birud.jhaveri@pse.com</u>.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Electric Tariff Sheets, listed above

Attachment A: City of Sumner Ordinance No. 2894