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When I joined the commission, I was invited by many stakeholders to meet informally and get acquainted. I have accepted virtually all of these invitations and initiated some contacts on my own. I believe these largely social and broadly informational get-togethers are essential for both commissioners and stakeholders to facilitate and improve the quality of the commission's work. In all of these communications I have been mindful of pertinent statutory and ethical considerations and I avoid any issues or topics that would be inappropriate or constitute ex parte contact. I am fully aware, however, that in this context, appearances can be just as important as actions, which is why I am writing to you now.

One of the invitations that I accepted shortly after my appointment was to meet with the board of Puget Sound Energy. That meeting has been set for July 11. As is common for large utilities, PSE has several pending adjudications before the commission, including a "Power Cost Only Rate Case" and two gas pipeline safety complaints. In fact, I think it's safe to say that PSE has consistently had some matter pending adjudication for most of the (short!) time I've been on the commission.

I would like to keep my commitment to meet with the PSE Board, just as I have done with many other stakeholders and under the same terms and conditions—that there will be no discussion of any pending matter in which PSE is a party and in particular

any issues related to dockets UE-050870, PG-041624, and PG-041209.

Because I understand that appearances matter, I want you to know about this meeting and my intentions. If you object to this meeting, please let me know as soon as possible so I can reconsider whether to attend.

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Sincerely,

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