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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: In the Matter of the Revisions to Tariff WN- U-60 and WN U-2 by Puget Sound Energy, Schedule 171 First Status Report for the Time Period July 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Commission Staff has reviewed the compliance filing of Puget Sound Energy dated January 31, 2020, titled *Puget Sound Energy-Meter Upgrade Project and Schedules 171 Implementation Status Report*. This report – the first of a series of required reports - provides updates to the Commission about the program's progress through the fourth quarter of 2019. Subsequent reports are due every six months. Staff believes that the filing complies fully with the Commission's Order 01, entered January 11, 2019.

Staff would like to bring to the Commission's attention that the company has moved forward with contracting out manual meter reading services with an independent contractor, Landis+Gyr. Landis+Gyr has been a key partner in PSE's metering operations during the company's AMR era as well. Staff looks forward to further information in the next report regarding the costs associated with this contract as compared to the cost estimates used for setting the initial rates for manual meter reads.

Sincerely,

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