**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| In the Matter ofPUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.Petition for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement for Acquisition of Coal Transition Power, as Defined in RCW 80.80.010, and the Recovery of Related Acquisition Costs\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ In the Matter of the Petition ofPUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC. and NW ENERGY COALITIONFor an Order Authorizing PSE To Implement Electric and Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanisms and To Record Accounting Entries Associated With the Mechanisms\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_In the Matter of PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.'SExpedited Rate Filing | **)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****) )****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)** | DOCKET UE-121373DOCKET UE-121697DOCKET UG-121705DOCKET UE-130137DOCKET UG-130138THE ENERGY PROJECT'S JOINDER IN THE MULTIPARTY SETTLEMENT RE: COAL TRANSITION PPA AND OTHER PENDING DOCKETS |

# THE ENERGY PROJECT'S JOINDER IN MULTIPARTY SETTLEMENT

1. The Energy Project agrees to support the Multiparty Settlement Re: Coal Transition PPA and Other Pending Dockets ("Multiparty Settlement") filed with the Commission on March ­22, 2013 in Docket UE-121373, Dockets UE-121697/UG-121705 (consolidated), Dockets UE-130137/UG-130138 (consolidated), and attached hereto, under the terms set forth below:
2. Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("PSE"), Commission Staff and NW Energy Coalition will support a $1.5 million increase to the annual funding for the HELP program, which brings the total low-income bill assistance to $21.7 million. The increase will be allocated between electric and gas in the same manner as currently allocated, and will continue until rates become effective in PSE's next general rate case. PSE and Commission Staff will not advocate for a decrease in low-income bill assistance funding in PSE's next general rate case. PSE agrees to work with Commission Staff and all interested parties to discuss the merits of the existing HELP program and other potential design options prior to PSE's next general rate case. Proposed program changes and greater funding levels, if any, will be presented in the next general rate case. No party will be deemed by this Multiparty Settlement to have agreed that any such change is required.
3. PSE will contribute additional shareholder funding for low-income energy efficiency programs in the amount of $100,000 per year during the rate plan period, for a total of up to $400,000 in additional non-recurring shareholder funding. This commitment will terminate in 2016.
4. The Energy Project did not intervene in Docket UE-121373 and does not take a position on matters at issue in that case.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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| **PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_KEN S. JOHNSONDirector, State Regulatory Affairs  | **ROBERT W. FERGUSON** **Attorney General**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SALLY BROWNSenior Assistant Attorney GeneralGREGORY J. TRAUTMANAssistant Attorney GeneralCounsel for Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Staff |
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