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Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

**Re: Colstrip Transmission System Operational Study Extension Request  
Dockets UE-170033 and UG-170034 (consolidated)**

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Pursuant to Paragraph 120 of the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation and Agreement in the above-referenced dockets, Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) has worked in good faith with NorthWestern Energy and other Colstrip Transmission System owners on the design and staffing of an operational study of transfer capability of the Colstrip Transmission System after Colstrip Units 1 and 2 retire (the “Study”).

Due to additional time required by NorthWestern Energy to complete the Study, PSE currently expects the study to be complete by November 30, 2018. Upon completion, PSE will submit the results of the Study to the Commission and interested stakeholders, subject to any disclosure restrictions as noted in Paragraph 120.

Please contact Chris Schaefer at (425) 456-932 or [chris.schaefer@pse.com](mailto:chris.schaefer@pse.com) for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 456-2142.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jon Piliaris*

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