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RE: Colstrip Transmission System: Workshop and “Scoping Document”
Dockets UE-170033 & UG-170034

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On December 5, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 08, Final Order Rejecting Tariff Sheets; Approving and Adopting Settlement Stipulation; Resolving Contested Issues; and Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing in the above-referenced dockets. Order 08, among other things, required Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) to participate in a Colstrip Transmission System Workshop and prepare a “Scoping Document,” with input from Commission Staff, Colstrip Transmission System owners, Path 8 operators, and interested stakeholders.¹

On August 16, 2018, the Company’s filed with the Commission its *Colstrip Transmission System Scoping Document* (Scoping Document). The Scoping Document provides information related to potential barriers, relevant studies, and the timeline for addressing technical questions surrounding the use of the Colstrip Transmission System, following the closure of Colstrip Units 1 and 2.

Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the compliance filing provided by Puget Sound Energy dated August 16, 2018, and finds it contains sufficient detail with respect to identifying barriers and information regarding the use of the Colstrip Transmission System. Therefore, Staff believes that the filing complies with the Commission’s Order 08, entered December 5, 2017.

Sincerely,

Kathi Scanlan
Acting Senior Resource Planning Manager

¹ Multiparty Settlement Stipulation and Agreement, Paragraph 121.