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Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

**Re: Advice No. 2021-14
PSE's Natural Gas Tariff Revision - Filed Electronically**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-101 and WAC 480-80-105(1)(c), please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revision to the WN U-2, Tariff for natural gas service of Puget Sound Energy ("PSE"):

1st Revision of Sheet No. 39-B: Rule No. 25 Meter Testing Procedures (Continued)

The purpose of this tariff revision is to delete subsection 5 of section 3 on Sheet No. 39-B. This COVID-19 Pandemic Exception suspends the Rule No. 25 requirement of the annual statistical performance evaluation of all the natural gas meter families until all counties in PSE's natural gas service area are in Phase 4 of Washington State's Safe Start Plan.

Over the past year, PSE has developed and practiced COVID-19 safe processes with advice from the World Health Organization ("WHO") and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"). The current WHO/CDC guidelines¹ about wearing masks, maintaining 6-foot distancing, and washing hands have been consistent for nearly a year. Whereas during the earlier stages of COVID-19 Pandemic, there was not consistency in government guidance in preventing and avoiding COVID-19 transmission. It presented a major safety concern as PSE's natural gas field personnel need to interact with customers and enter customer homes to re-light their heating equipment after a meter changeout. As these guidelines have become more consistent and well communicated, both PSE field crews and customers understand what to expect and how to practice safe protocols.

¹ Guidance for Businesses and Employers Responding to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

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These COVID-19 safe processes have been and will continue to be a part of measures when PSE is interacting with customers at jobsites. Customers are also informed of PSE's safety protocols that enhance safety in order for PSE's field workers to interact with natural gas customers. By continuing to enforce its COVID-19 safe processes, PSE will restart its natural gas meter Performance Control Program while reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among its natural gas first responders and between PSE employees and natural gas customers.

The tariff sheet described herein reflects an issue date of May 12, 2021, and effective date of June 11, 2021. Posting of proposed tariff changes, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed through web, telephone and mail access in accordance with WAC 480-90-193.

Please contact Mei Cass at (425) 462-3800 or mei.cass@pse.com for information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 456-2142.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:
Natural Gas Tariff Sheet (listed above)