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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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Re: Docket UE-121373, In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy, Inc.,  
For Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement for Acquisition of Coal  
Transition Power  
NWIGU Comments Regarding Staff's Motion for Extension of Time to File  
Answer

Dear Mr. Danner:

This firm represents the Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU"). Please accept this letter in the record to the above-captioned matter. NWIGU provides these comments in response to Staff's Motion For 30-Day Extension Of Time To File Answers To Puget Sound Energy's Petition For Reconsideration And Motion To Reopen The Record ("Staff's Motion").

NWIGU has not intervened into Docket UE-121373. However, NWIGU is participating in UG-121705 ("PSE's Decoupling Docket") and plans to file a Petition to Intervene in UG-130138 ("PSE's Expedited Rate Filing"). Staff's Motion, although filed in Docket UE-121373, implicates PSE's Decoupling Docket and PSE's Expedited Rate Filing. One basis for Staff's Motion is that the requested extension will provide Staff and other parties time to reach a resolution of those other dockets, presumably within 30 days. To NWIGU's knowledge, no settlement discussions involving non-Staff parties have taken place in those other two dockets, and it is unlikely that any resolution involving non-Staff parties will arise within such a short time period. This is especially true in the Expedited Rate Filing docket that was filed only three days ago.

In the event the Commission is inclined to grant Staff's Motion, NWIGU respectfully requests that the accompanying order expressly state that the extension is unrelated to any settlement negotiations in either PSE's Decoupling Docket or PSE's Expedited Rate Filing. Those negotiations should be allowed to proceed on their own timeframe with all parties in those dockets involved.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record (listed below) in this proceeding by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

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