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

**RE: Puget Sound Energy's Fee-Free Payment Program Update  
Dockets UE-160203 and UG-160204**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On March 24, 2016, the Commission granted Puget Sound Energy's ("PSE") Amended Accounting Petition ("Petition") in the above-referenced dockets. PSE's fee-free payment program for its residential and small-business customers, including customers who pay with a credit or debit card, was implemented on August 25, 2016.

Paragraph 26 of the Petition granted by Order 01 requires PSE to provide updates to the Commission every three months after the program is implemented on the deferred balance, participation rates, and fees incurred by month. In December 2017, PSE ceased deferring the costs and began amortizing the deferral balance related to its fee-free payment program per general rate case Order 08 in Dockets UE-170033 and UG-170034 ("GRC Order") issued that same month. Since PSE is no longer deferring these costs, PSE believes this report should be discontinued but will wait for guidance from the Commission. PSE will be happy to respond to ad hoc requests from the Commission related to its fee-free payment program.

PSE's seventh fee-free payment program update ("Program Update") is attached and includes the required information including participation rates, fees incurred, and the cumulative deferral balance accrued to FERC account 182.3-Other regulatory assets through April 2018. PSE has also included information that is not required, but ultimately helpful in increasing understanding of PSE's fee-free payment program including average costs per transaction and total number of payments per month.

Please contact Nate Hill at (425) 457-5524 for general information or contact Lori Roth at (425) 456-2721 for additional information. If you have any other questions please contact me at (425) 456-2142.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jon Piliaris*

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