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Steven King  
Acting Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
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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 Second Extension of Time**

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to Order 05 in the above-captioned matter, we submit these comments on behalf of the Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU"). As Judge Moss pointed out in Order 05, NWIGU has an interest in Staff's Motion for Second Extension of Time because that motion implicates two other dockets in which NWIGU is participating - UG-121705 ("PSE's Decoupling Docket") and UG-130138 ("PSE's Expedited Rate Filing").

Similar to Staff's earlier motion, the basis for Staff's Motion for Second Extension of Time is that the requested extension will provide Staff and other parties time to reach a resolution of this matter and the other dockets identified above. Staff and Puget Sound Energy have been participating in settlement discussions without the participation of other parties. Those discussions have resulted in confusion and delay for all parties as they attempt to understand the potential impact a proposed settlement will have on three dockets that are in different stages of their respective procedural processes. The Commission recently acknowledged that the resulting lack of clarity in how the potential settlement of unrelated dockets will affect each docket needs to be resolved. At the March 5 recessed Open Meeting, the Commission requested that parties respond to what would happen procedurally if (a) no settlement was reached in the three proceedings; (b) a partial settlement was reached in the three proceedings; or (c) a global settlement was reached in the three proceedings.

NWIGU will be filing comments separately today to respond to the Commission's specific questions identified above, together with Public Counsel. For purposes of this proceeding and Staff's Motion for Second Extension of Time, NWIGU respectfully request that

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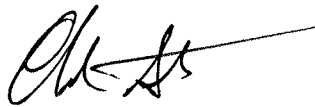
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the decision on the motion be considered separately from the process adopted in PSE's Decoupling or PSE's Expedited Rate Filing. Resolution of the Centralia docket should be conducted separately from the other unrelated proceedings. PSE's Decoupling and Expedited Rate Filing should be consolidated and allowed to proceed on their own timeframe with all parties in those dockets involved.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Stokes", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chad Stokes

cc: UE 121373 Service List  
Judge Moss