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September 30, 1999

Karl Karzmar Manager, Revenue Requirements Puget Sound Energy, Inc. P.O. Box 97034 Bellevue, Washington 98009-9734

Dear Mr. Karzmar:

Re: Request for extension of time to file comments in Dockets Nos. UG-990294 and UE-990473 (Gas & Electric Rule making)

We have received your letter dated September 28, 1999, requesting an extension of time to file comments in the Gas and Electric rule making dockets. The comment filing date of September 30, 1999, was set in order to allow the parties two weeks to file comments and then the Commission's staff two weeks to compile and review the comments and prepare for the workshop. We realize that the filing date for the comments and the workshop date are ambitious.

We understand that Philip Popoff has been working with Consumer Affairs Staff to develop a table for the input of comments. Therefore, in light of the circumstances, we request that the Company file any comments it has prepared on Friday, October 1, 1999, by 5:00 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter. We also request that, as the Company completes preparation of additional comments, they be submitted as soon as they are available.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please direct them to Jim Russell at (360) 664-1318 or Graciela Etchart at (360) 664-1310. Thank you for your participation and for your assistance in meeting the ambitious schedule for this rule making proceeding.

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Sincerely,

Carole J. Washburn

Secretary