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**Re: Docket UE-200980
Petition for Exemption from WAC 480-100-197 and Order 03**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Attached please find Puget Sound Energy’s (“PSE”) Petition for Exemption from WAC 480-100-197 and Order 03 in Docket UE-200980 to allow PSE to provide individual customer notice within twenty calendar days of the scheduled virtual public comment hearing in this docket.

Per WAC 480-100-008 and WAC 480-07-110, PSE requests an exemption of WAC 480-100-197 and Order 03. WAC 480-100-008 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-100, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying the regulation, and applicable statutes.

PSE uses a vendor, KUBRA, to mail out customer bills and other informational mailings. KUBRA is located in Coppell, Texas. Receipt and shipment of the customer notices for mailing was delayed due to extreme weather conditions in the state of Texas during the week of February 14, 2021.

PSE respectfully requests that the Commission allow for less than thirty days’ notice to customers of the virtual public comment hearing scheduled for April 20, 2021 in this docket, and authorize PSE to provide individual customer notice within twenty calendar days of the scheduled virtual public comment hearing.

PSE has kept Commission Staff informed about this situation, and PSE is making this exemption request at the recommendation of Commission Staff. The requested exemption would not result in any customers receiving their notice on or after the virtual hearing date. All customers will have at least twenty days’ notice prior to the hearing and the vast majority of customers will receive at least thirty days’ notice of the public comment hearing. Additionally, PSE has agreed to provide an additional electronic communication to all impacted customers who have provided an email address in order to provide a full thirty days’ notice to as many of these customers as possible.

Please contact Veronica Martin at 425-457-5624 additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at 425-456-2142.

Sincerely,

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