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David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Planned Securities Issuance - \$250 Million Senior Secured Notes

Dear Mr. Danner:

Puget Sound Energy (the "Company" or "PSE") furnishes the following information, in compliance with RCW 80.08.040, (1), (2) and (3), with respect to a \$250 million senior secured note issue. The notes will be issued under PSE's existing S-3 shelf registration statement on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission dated March 16, 2006.

At September 30, 2008, PSE had approximately \$606 million of short-term debt outstanding. On December 5, 2008, the Company purchased the Mint Farm generating facility for approximately \$240 million. As of December 31, 2008, PSE's short-term debt had increased to approximately \$991 million. Proceeds from the sale of the senior secured notes will be used to repay short-term debt.

The following documents are attached in support of this filing:

Attachment A - One page summary describing the transactions, provided to the Board of Directors' Securities Pricing committee

Attachment B - December 18, 2008 minutes of the Board of Directors' Securities Pricing Committee authorizing the Company to proceed

Attachment C - DRAFT Prospectus Supplement

Certain items contained in Attachments A and B and Attachment C have been marked confidential as they contain valuable commercially sensitive or material non-public information. Accordingly, with regard to the contents, the Company claims confidentiality and protection from inspection or copying under WAC 480-07-160. We further understand that, prior to any release of this material; the Company will be notified in order to allow it to invoke any and all statutory procedures for securing a court order protecting the materials as proprietary and confidential.

As required by WAC 480-07-160, the Company identifies itself, its shareholders and its customers as the entities that might be directly affected by disclosure of the confidential information. Also, conforming to WAC 480-07-160, the confidential pages submitted herewith have been sealed in an envelope clearly marked "Confidential per WAC 480-07-160", and each page of the filing containing confidential information has been so marked.

The transaction is in the public interest inasmuch as it allows the Company to access funds from the long-term debt capital markets to repay short-term borrowings used primarily to fund utility capital expenditures on reasonable terms. In addition the transaction makes available liquidity needed to fund utility operations going forward.

In view of the foregoing, and in accordance with WAC 480-90-242 (1)(a) and WAC 480-100-242 (1)(a), the undersigned hereby certifies that the proceeds from this securities issuance will be used to repay short-term borrowings, for general corporate purposes and/or for one or more of the purposes allowed by RCW 80.08.030 and that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, under penalties of perjury as set forth in the laws of the State of Washington.

The Company, having provided herewith all information and statements required by subsections (1), (2), and (3) of RCW <u>80.08.040</u>, does NOT request an order affirming that it has complied with such requirements as part of these planned securities transactions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

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Enclosure

cc: Simon J. ffitch