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Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

**Re: Advice No. 2021-23
PSE’s Natural Gas Tariff Revision - Filed Electronically**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-101 and WAC 480-80-105(1)(c), please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revisions to the WN U-2, Tariff for natural gas service of Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”):

- 19th Revision of Sheet No. 1129 Low Income Program
- 4th Revision of Sheet No. 1129-A.1 Low Income Program (Continued)
- 20th Revision of Sheet No. 1129-B Low Income Program (Continued)

The purpose of this filing is to convey PSE’s annual low income compliance filing as provided for in, 1) Exhibit G to the Settlement Stipulation Agreement approved by the Commission in Dockets UE-011570 and UG-011571 (the “Settlement), and 2) the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation in Docket U-072375 and the Partial Settlement in Dockets UE-072300 and UG-072301, and as ordered by 3) the Commission in Order 08 in Dockets UE-111048 and UG-111049 (“Order 08”), and 4) the Commission in Order 07 in Dockets UE-121697 and UG-121705 (Consolidated) issued jointly with Order 07 in Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138 (Consolidated) (“Order 07”), and as ordered by 5) the Commission in Order 08 in Dockets UE-190529 and UG-190530 (Consolidated)(“Order 08”).

These proposed rates effective October 1, 2021, also reflect PSE’s proposal to revise its low income program funding allocation between electric and natural gas services to be 90% and 10%, respectively. The new allocation percentages were proposed at the Low Income Advisory

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Committee meetings on 07/13/2021 and 8/13/2021. Providing additional electric customer funded benefits offers a solution to the under-utilization of natural gas benefits seen in recent years. The current funding allocation of 80% electric and 20% natural gas for the October 2020 through September 2021 program year was approved by the Commission in Order 08 of the consolidated Dockets UE-170033 and UG-1700340. The new natural gas program cap of benefits will be \$2.8 million.

This filing proposes a decrease in the total low income program natural gas revenue requirement of \$2,998,230. The change in revenue requirement results in an average overall decrease to rates for natural gas customers of 0.29 percent. The typical Schedule 23 residential customer using 64 therms per month would experience a decrease of \$0.22 per month or 0.30 percent. The revised level of funding, revenue requirement and prior year collections are detailed in work papers provided with this filing.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of August 31, 2021, and effective date of October 1, 2021. Posting of proposed tariff changes, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed through web, telephone and mail access in accordance with WAC 480-90-193. Although not required under the provisions of WAC 480-90-194, notice to the public will be provided within 30 days of the October 1, 2021, effective date.

Please contact Veronica Martin at (425) 457-5624 or veronica.martin@pse.com for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 456-2142.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:
Natural Gas Tariff Sheets (listed above)
Work Papers