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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary Washington
Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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**RE: Advice No. 2023-34
Puget Sound Energy’s Natural Gas Tariff Revision**

Dear Executive Director Maxwell:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-101 and -105, please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revisions to the WN U-60, tariff for natural gas service of Puget Sound Energy (“PSE” or the “Company”):

20 th Revision	Sheet No. 1129	Low Income Program
5 th Revision	Sheet No. 1129-A.1	Low Income Program (Continued)
22 nd Revision	Sheet No. 129-B	Low Income Program (Continued)

The purpose of this filing is to convey PSE’s annual low income compliance filing¹. This filing proposes an increase in the total natural gas low income program natural gas revenue requirement of \$494,276. The change in revenue requirement results in an average overall increase to rates for natural gas customers of 0.16 percent. The typical residential customer using 64 therms per month would experience an increase of \$0.15 per month or 0.16 percent and includes an increase to the Annual Cap of twice the residential base rates increase as approved in Order 24/10 in Dockets UE-220066, UG-220067, and UG210918 (Consolidated) and RCW

¹ 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 as ordered
- 2) by the Commission in Order 08 in Dockets UE-060266 and UG-060267 (Consolidated), and
- 3) the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation in Docket U-072375 and the Partial Settlement in Dockets UE-072300 and UG-072301, and
- 4) the Supplemental HELP funding adjustment described in PSE’s initial brief in Dockets UE-090704 and UG-090705 (Consolidated), and as ordered by
- 5) the Commission in Order 08 in Dockets UE-111048 and UG-111049 (“Order 08”), and
- 6) 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
- 7) the Commission in Dockets UE-170033 and UG-170034 (Consolidated), and as ordered by
- 8) the Commission in Order 08 in Dockets UE-190529 and UG-190530 (Consolidated)(“Order 08”).

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80.28.425(2). Additionally, a penalty in the amount of \$742,500 for missing the 2022 SQI #5 benchmark has been included to reduce the amount of the revenue requirement.. The revised level of funding, revenue requirement and prior year collections are detailed in work papers provided with this filing. The benefits under Schedule 129 are available to PSE customers meeting the criteria described within that Schedule and pay for any charges on their natural gas bills.

For the 2023-2024 Program year, the Company has worked with its Low Income Advisory Committee (“LIAC”) to develop a temporary Arrearage Management Plan (“AMP”) that will provide up to \$500 for customers that are still in arrears after applying the existing PSE HELP grant. This temporary AMP will bridge the gap until the permanent AMP² goes live on October 1, 2024.

These proposed rates effective October 1, 2023, also reflect PSE’s proposal to revise its Low Income Program funding allocation between electric and natural gas services to be 85% and 15%, respectively. The new allocation percentages will provide additional natural gas customer funded benefits and help ensure proper funding for both electric and natural gas services in light of projected increases in enrollment for the 2023-2024 program year³.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of August 30, 2023, and effective date of October 1, 2023. 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. Notice to the public under the provisions of WAC 480-100-194 will be provided within 30 days of the October 1, 2023, effective date.

Please contact Veronica Martin at veronica.martin@pse.com for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 462-3946.

Sincerely,

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² Paragraphs 11 and 263 in Final Order Rejecting Tariff Sheets; Approving Settlements, with Conditions; Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing (“Orders 24/10”, “Orders”), in consolidated Dockets UE-220066, UG220067 and UG-210918

³ Paragraph 20 in Final Order 01 Allowing Tariff Revisions to Become Effective Subject to Conditions, in Docket UG-230470

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