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Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

**Re: Advice No. 2024-07
PSE's Natural Gas Tariff Filing**

Dear Executive Director Killip:

Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") hereby submits proposed revisions to its Supplemental Schedule 120, Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider. This filing, pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and Chapter 480-80 WAC, includes revisions to the following natural gas tariff sheet.

WN U-2 - (Natural Gas Tariff):

29th Revision of Sheet No. 1120 – Supplemental Schedule 120, Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider

The purpose of this filing is to implement rate changes under the conservation rider mechanism, as provided in Exhibit F to the Settlement Stipulation Agreement approved by the Commission in Dockets UE-011570 and UG-011571. Specifically, this proposal changes the Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider charges in order to reflect actual costs and collections over the past years for conservation programs and the estimated expenditures during the 2024 program year. This filing reflects increased amounts budgeted for the upcoming year and an increase in the true-up (and approval) of actual costs and actual collections during prior years.

The target level for acquisition of natural gas energy efficiency resources for the two-year period 2024 through 2025 is 6.5 million therms, reported at the customer meter. This goal was set after discussions with the Conservation Resource Advisory Group ("CRAG") and approved in the Commission's Order 01 in Docket UG-230893.

The amount of the revenue requirement requested in this filing is \$32.0 million. This is \$5.4 million higher than the \$26.6 million requested in last year's filing under Docket UG-230140. This is due to a \$2.7 million increase in the budget for the 2024 program year, and an increase of \$2.7 million in the true-up for spending, load variances and revenue sensitive fees and taxes, as compared to 2023.

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Overall, this proposal results in an average 0.68 percent increase in customer bills. Firm sales service schedules for natural gas service are affected by this increase. There is no impact to customers taking transportation service under Schedules 31T, 41T, 85T, 86T, 87T or special contracts, as they are not billed under the Natural Gas Conservation Service Rider. The typical residential customer using 64 therms per month would experience an increase to their monthly bill of \$0.50 or 0.62 percent.

The tariff sheet described herein reflects an issue date of March 1, 2024, and an effective date of May 1, 2024. Posting of proposed tariff changes, as required by WAC 480-90-193, is being accomplished by posting the proposed tariff sheet on the PSE web site coincident with the date of this transmittal letter. Notice to the public under the provisions of WAC 480-90-194 will be provided within 30 days of the requested May 1, 2024 effective date.

Please contact Julie Waltari at julie.waltari@pse.com or (425) 456-2945 for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at Birud.Jhaveri@pse.com.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Natural Gas Tariff Sheet (as listed above)

Revenue Requirement Work Paper

Cost of Service Work Paper