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NOTICE OF POTENTIAL EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

RE: Notice of Inquiry into the Adequacy of the Current Regulatory Framework Employed by the Commission in Addressing Developing Industry Trends, New Technologies, and Public Policy Affecting the Utility Sector, Docket U-180907; *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy*, Consolidated Dockets UE-180899 and UG-180900

TO ALL PARTIES:

On November 7, 2018, Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service; revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2, Natural Gas; and revisions to its electric and natural gas Schedule 142 Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Mechanisms. PSE describes this filing as an expedited rate filing (ERF).

On November 9, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Workshop, set for Monday, December 10, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. (Notice). The Notice invited stakeholders and interested persons to provide feedback on whether the Commission should open a rulemaking or issue a policy statement addressing alternatives to traditional rate-base, rate-of-return regulation, such as performance-based regulation, multi-year rate plans, and other flexible regulatory mechanisms, including ERFs.

To the extent workshop discussions may touch on issues raised in PSE's ERF, the Commission finds it appropriate to give this notice to all parties to PSE's ERF, as well as all persons interested in Docket U-180907, to participate in the workshop set for Monday, December 10, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the parties in consolidated Dockets UE-180899 and UG-180900 are invited, along with other interested persons, to participate in

the ratemaking workshop in Docket U-180907 set for Monday, December 10, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

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