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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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**Re: Docket UG-230470 (Advice No. 2023-24)
Joint Request for Clarification Conference regarding Order 01**

Dear Director Maxwell,

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-840, Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) and Commission Staff (“Staff”) respectfully request the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) schedule a clarification conference regarding Order 01 to clarify a lack of understanding about the meaning of, or requirements in, Order 01. PSE and Staff seek expedited treatment of this request.

On June 9, 2023, PSE filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective natural gas tariff WN U-2 proposing a new tariff schedule (Schedule 111) that would allow PSE to recover allowance costs and pass back to customers auction proceeds mandated under the Climate Commitment Act. The matter came before the Commission at its recessed open meeting on July 21, 2023. Following comments from Staff, PSE, the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General’s Office, NW Energy Coalition, The Energy Project, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, and Climate Solutions, the Commission carried a motion requiring PSE to revise Schedule 111. On July 31, 2023, PSE submitted a substitute tariff sheet incorporating the requested revisions.

Order 01 was issued on August 3, 2022, following PSE’s above-referenced substitute tariff filing, but Order 01 does not reference PSE’s substitute tariff filing and it approves the tariff revisions filed on June 9, 2023. “Puget Sound Energy’s proposed tariff revisions, filed on June 9, 2023, are approved subject to the conditions discussed set forth in paragraphs 17-23 of this Order, and will become effective on August 15, 2023.” Order 01 at ¶ 29.

PSE and Staff conferred on August 10, 2023, regarding their understanding of Order 01 and whether or not Order 01 approved the revised tariff as substituted on July 31, 2023. PSE and Staff agreed that a conference is necessary to clarify whether PSE’s substitute filing (July 31,

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2023) is approved to go into effect on August 15. Accordingly, PSE and Staff respectfully request that the Commission schedule a conference to clarify that Order 01 approved the revised tariff sheets as substituted on July 31, 2023, and those will become effective on August 15, 2023. PSE and Staff note that the revised tariff is effective August 15, 2023. Therefore, PSE and Staff seek expedited treatment of this request.

Sincerely,

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