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**RE: Clarification of PSE’s Low Income Weatherization Program Plans  
Dockets UE-171087 and UG-171088**

Dear Mr. King:

Puget Sound Energy (“PSE” or the “Company”) herein clarifies its commitment to serving qualifying low-income customers residing in manufactured homes. This commitment is discussed in PSE’s Program Plans, outlined in its 2018-2019 Biennial Conservation Plan (“BCP”), which was accepted by the Commission in its recessed open meeting on January 10, 2018.<sup>1</sup>

**PSE’s Open Meeting BCP Discussion**

In PSE’s 2018-2019 BCP, the Company clearly enumerates plans and strategies for engaging and providing conservation services to its low-income customers through its Low Income Weatherization (“LIW”) program. Among notable initiatives, the plan indicates PSE’s commitment for additional LIW funding, per agreements reached in PSE’s 2017 General Rate Case Settlement,<sup>2</sup> and emphasizes that PSE will fund all qualifying low-income weatherization projects that Washington State Low-Income Agencies propose. Also within the BCP, PSE provided general overviews of its plans to address hard-to-reach/proportionately underserved customer segments<sup>3</sup> in the coming biennium.

Relative to these two points, there was a discussion of PSE’s efforts to serve its low-income customers who live in manufactured homes during the Commission’s recessed open meeting on January 10, 2018.<sup>4</sup> During the discussion, PSE agreed that there may be a proportion of low-

<sup>1</sup> As indicated in Order 01, Accepting Puget Sound Energy’s Calculation of its 21018-2019 Biennial Conservation Target; Imposing Conditions.

<sup>2</sup> Dockets UE-170033 and UG-170034.

<sup>3</sup> As defined in the Northwest Power and Conservation Council’s 7<sup>th</sup> Power Plan.

<sup>4</sup> A key topic of the recessed open meeting was the Investor Owned Utilities’ 2018-2019 Biennial Conservation Plans.

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income customers who live in manufactured homes, and that it is appropriate for the Company to collaborate with Washington State Low-Income Agencies, in identifying, engaging, and providing conservation services to these customers.

### **Clarification of PSE's Low Income Weatherization Program Commitment**

PSE clarifies that this customer segment is most appropriately served through its established and long-standing LIW program, in cooperation with The Energy Project. PSE commits to regular and continued engagement with the low-income agencies in this effort. It will involve its Conservation Resource Advisory Group ("CRAG") to seek advice and report its progress on identifying, engaging, and providing prudent, cost-effective measures to this customer segment, as well as other potentially hard-to-reach segments.

### **Follow-up or Questions**

Please contact Nate Hill at (425) 457-5524 for general information about this filing, or contact Bob Stolarski at (425) 456-2585 for policy related questions about this submittal. If you have any other questions please contact me at (425) 456-2110.

Sincerely,

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