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David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (2009 General Rate Case)

Dockets UE-090704/UG-090705

Dear Mr. Danner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 16 copies of the Commission Staff Response to PSE Motion for Leave to File Supplemental and Revised Testimony, and Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

ROBERT D. CEDARBAUM Assistant Attorney General

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-090704 and UG-090705 (consolidated)

COMMISSION STAFF RESPONSE TO PSE MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL AND REVISED TESTIMONY

By motion dated August 3, 2009, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) seeks permission to file the supplemental and revised direct testimony and exhibits of Janet K. Phelps, Michael J. Stranik and Eric M. Markell.

Commission Staff does not oppose the motion, with two caveats. First, the issue now presented is only whether the Commission should allow PSE to file supplemental testimony and exhibits. The issue is not whether those documents should be admitted into evidence. Nor is the issue the merits of the proposals they address. Staff reserves the right to contest the admissibility of the supplemental testimony and exhibits when they are offered at hearing. Staff also reserves the right to contest the merits of the supplemental testimony and exhibits through its response case.

Second, the supplemental testimony and exhibits increase PSE's natural gas revenue requirement from \$27.2 million to \$30.4 million, but PSE has not revised its tariff filing to reflect that increase. Therefore, the Commission's legal authority to allow a rate increase

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above the filed tariffs may be implicated. That issue is ripe for decision in post-hearing briefs after all evidence is admitted. Staff reserves its right to address that issue at that time. DATED this 4th day of August, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dockets UE-090704/UG-090705 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the attached document upon the persons and entities listed on the Service List below by depositing a copy of said document in the United States mail, addressed as shown on said Service List, with first class postage prepaid.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 4th day of August.

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