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David W. Danner
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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Re: WUTC v. PSE, Inc.
Docket No. U-110808

Dear Mr. Danner:

Direct testimony from Public Counsel and others are due today pursuant to the schedule adopted by the Commission in its Order 01, Prehearing Conference Order, dated December 20, 2011. We will not be submitting such testimony; however, this letter explicitly confirms Public Counsel's continued interest and participation in the proceeding.

Public Counsel has an important role in advocating on behalf of residential consumers for enforcement of the Commission's prior obligation rules. This docket arose from a dispute between Commission Staff and Puget Sound Energy regarding the terms of a settlement agreement between them addressing certain violations of the prior obligation rules. While Public Counsel was not a party to the underlying settlement, we are keenly interested in the protection and enforcement of the Commission's prior obligation rules.

We have reviewed Puget Sound Energy's testimony filed to date and are reviewing discovery responses. We will continue to be engaged in the process as it moves forward, including through participating in discovery, any hearings held in this matter, the settlement conference(s), and briefing. Public Counsel also reserves the right to file rebuttal testimony to the extent that new information filed today or on June 1, 2012, requires such testimony.

Sincerely,

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