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Carol Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation
Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W.
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re:

In the Matter of the Joint Application of PUGET HOLDINGS LLC, and PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC., for an Order Authorizing Proposed

Transaction.

**Docket No. U-072375** 

Dear Ms. Washburn:

This letter submits for filing the original and twelve copies of the following two documents:

- 1) Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Petition to Intervene, and
- 2) Notice of Appearance on Behalf of the Northwest Industrial Gas Users

These documents have also been transmitted to you via electronic mail in PDF format. Paper copies will be mailed to all on the WUTC's current Service List.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Chad M. Stokes

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cc: Official Service List

## **BEFORE THE**

## WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

| In the Matter of the Joint Application of         | ) DOCKET NO. U-072375                |
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| PUGET HOLDINGS LLC,                               | )<br>)<br>) NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS |
| and   | USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE         |
| PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,                         | )<br>)                               |
| For an Order Authorizing Proposed<br>Transaction. | )<br>)<br>)                          |
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- 1. The Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby submit this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceedings.
  - The following name and address for NWIGU should be included on the official list of parties of record in these proceedings, and all correspondence and communications concerning these proceedings should be addressed to:

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Paula Pyron is designated as the person to receive service of documents on behalf of NWIGU in this proceeding.

3. Ed Finklea and Chad Stokes of Cable Huston Benedict Haagensen & Lloyd LLP will represent NWIGU in these proceedings, and have filed a separate Notice of Appearance as

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This Petition to Intervene is submitted pursuant to WAC § 480-07-355. As required by WAC §480-07-145(2) (d), NWIGU has provided this Petition by electronic mail. In support of this Petition to Intervene, NWIGU states the following:

NWIGU is a nonprofit association comprised of thirty-five end-users of natural gas with major facilities in the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics and aerospace. The association provides an information service to its members and participates in various regulatory matters that affect member interests. NWIGU member companies purchase natural gas sales and transportation services from local distribution companies ("LDCs"), including Puget Sound Energy, Inc., ("PSE" or the "Company").

On December 17, 2007, Puget Holdings LLC ("Puget Holdings") and PSE submitted for filing a request for authorization to transfer the ownership and control of Puget Energy and its wholly owned subsidiary, PSE, to Puget Holdings. Under the proposed transaction, PSE will continue to be subject to the regulatory authority of the Washington Utilities and Transportation

Commission ("Commission") and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). The Commission will hear this matter on shortened notice under WAC 480-07-440(1)(a).

The proposed transfer of ownership and control of PSE and its parent company may impact the interests of NWIGU member companies. NWIGU members therefore have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. No other party can adequately represent NWIGU member companies' interests, and the Commission's determination in this proceeding will directly affect NWIGU member companies.

NWIGU reserves the right to propound data requests, review responses to data requests, submit testimony and exhibits, call witnesses, cross-examine all witnesses called by other parties and submit any written arguments and motions that may be appropriate to represent its interests in these proceedings.

NWIGU's participation in these proceedings will assist the Commission in resolving the issues in these proceedings and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, unduly burden the record, or delay these proceedings.

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WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, NWIGU respectfully requests leave to intervene as a party in these proceedings, with all of the procedural and substantive rights associated with full party status as described in WAC §480-07-340.

Dated: January 8, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record (listed below) in these proceedings by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

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