

June 30, 2011

Mr. Tom DeBoer  
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**Re: Puget Sound Energy 2009 Electric and Gas Integrated Resource Plan  
Dockets UE-080948 & UG-080949**

Dear Mr. DeBoer:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has carefully reviewed the 2009 Electric and Gas Integrated Resource Plan (Plan ) filed by Puget Sound Energy ( Company) and acknowledges that it meets the requirements of RCW 19.280.030, WAC 480-90-238 and WAC 480-100-238.

We remind the Company that this finding does not signal pre-approval of any course of action identified in the Plan for ratemaking purposes. No Plan can determinatively pinpoint the future actions that will minimize a utility's cost, and we expect the Company will regularly update the assumptions that underlie the Plan and adjust its operational strategies accordingly. The Commission will give due weight in reviewing the Company's general rate case to the information, analyses, and strategies contained in the 2009 Plan along with other relevant evidence when determining the prudence of the Company's actions.

The Commission recognizes that this acknowledgement is late and that the Company has already filed its 2011 Integrated Resource Plan. For this reason, we are not including comments or suggestions on the 2009 Plan with this letter. If the Company would like to discuss details of the 2009 Plan, please contact Steve Johnson, Senior Policy Advisor, at 360-664-1346 or [sjohnson@utc.wa.gov](mailto:sjohnson@utc.wa.gov), or David Nightingale, Senior Regulatory Engineer Specialist, at 360-664-1154 or [dnightin@utc.wa.gov](mailto:dnightin@utc.wa.gov).

The Commission apologizes for the delay in acknowledging the 2009 Plan and will ensure that the review and acknowledgement of the 2011 Plan will be completed timely.

Sincerely,

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