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Via E-mail and U.S. Mail

Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: Puget Sound Energy
Docket No. UE-011570/UG-011571

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Please be advised that the Company, Staff, Public Counsel, and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities have agreed to discuss the potential for settlement of the interim rate case, based on an agreement that the briefing deadline would be extended. We have scheduled preliminary discussions in that regard for February 26, 2002, at the Commission's Olympia offices.

In order to allow such discussions to occur unencumbered, these parties jointly request a continuance in the filing date for briefs from March 1, 2001 to March 8, 2002. We would appreciate prompt action by the Commission with respect to that request.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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cc: All parties