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# April 15, 2015

Mr. Steven V. King

Executive Director and Secretary

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

**RE:** **Docket No. UG-150490 – Withdrawal of Tariff Filing – Filed Electronically**

Dear Mr. King:

Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (“PSE”) submitted the following tariff sheet under the PSE Advice No. 2015-06 on March 26, 2015, and the filing was assigned Docket No. UG-150490.

WN U-2, (Natural Gas Tariff):

2nd Revision of Sheet No. 1140-B - Property Tax Tracker (Continued)

The cover letter in PSE’s initial filing in this Docket No. UG-150490 included a description of the verbal agreement between PSE and Commission Staff to adjust the timing of the filing in the Property Tax Tracker. That adjustment included an initial filing a minimum of 30 days prior to the May 1 effective date that reflected an estimate of the current year taxes followed by a subsequent filing that would be made as close to April 15th as possible that would update the current year estimates to actual amounts.

As mentioned in the cover letter for the initial filing, PSE’s existing Schedule 140 (Sheet 1140-A, Section 3, paragraph 5) includes a provision that provides that if a rate change under the mechanism results in an amount that is less than one percent greater or less than the prior year’s assessed property taxes, this annual filing would take the form of a letter stating that no change in rates under Schedule 140 would be submitted. Because of the two staged approached used in this filing, even though not required, PSE submitted the initial filing knowing that the *estimated* change was less than this one percent threshold. This was done in the event that the true-up to actual taxes resulted in an amount greater than the one percent threshold which would then have necessitated a filing with less than statutory notice, if a filing had not already been submitted prior to March 31st. The update to actual tax amounts did not result in an amount greater than the one percent threshold. As reflected in the enclosed work papers the overall result is that natural gas property taxes decreased by two tenths of one percent.

The purpose of this filing is twofold; first is to request to withdraw the filing and second is to provide the letter that, because the change is less than one percent, no change in rates in Schedule 140 will be submitted.

Therefore, PSE respectfully requests that it be allowed to withdraw the March 26, 2015, tariff filing described above. PSE states that the change is less than one percent, and in accordance with its approved Schedule 140, submits this letter stating than no change to the rates in Schedule 140 will be submitted for the May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016 rate year as the rates that are currently in effect are within the threshold stated in the tariff.

Please contact Ms. Julie Waltari at (425) 456-2945 or Eric Englert (425) 456-2312 for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions please contact me at (425) 456‑2110.

Sincerely,

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