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Mr. Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: **Advice No. 2015-20 – Natural Gas Tariff Filing – Filed Electronically**

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and Chapter 480-80 WAC, please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revision to the WN U-2 Tariff for natural gas service of Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (“PSE”):

- 11th Revision of Sheet No. 1129 - Low Income Program
- 14th Revision of Sheet No. 1129-B - Low Income Program (Continued)

The purpose of this filing is to adjust and true-up the low income rates as provided in (1) Exhibit G to the Settlement Stipulation Agreement approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UG-011571 (the “Settlement”) and (2) as provided in the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation in Docket No. U-072375 and the Partial Settlement in Docket Nos. UE-072300 and UG-072301 and (3) as ordered by the Commission in Order 08 in Docket Nos. UE-111048 and UG-111049 (“Order 08”) and (4) as ordered by the Commission in Order 07 in Docket Nos. UE-121697 and UG-121705 (consolidated) issued jointly with Order 07 in Docket Nos. UE-130137 and UG-130138 (consolidated) (“Order 07”).

Order 07 calls for the low income cap to increase in an amount equivalent to the residential bill impacts from PSE’s annual decoupling filings. In last year’s natural gas low income filing (PSE Advice No. 2014-24), the relevant residential bill impact for natural gas from Docket No. UG-140533 was a decrease of 1.28%. Therefore, rather than decrease the natural gas low income cap, PSE stated in last year’s natural gas low income filing cover letter that it would keep the natural gas low income cap at the existing \$5.48 million and that the 1.28% decrease would be combined with the 2015 residential increase in the following year’s (2015’s) low income filing. Accordingly, the low income cap in this current gas low income filing has been increased by 2.90% for the change to the residential class from the 2015 decoupling filing under Docket No. UG-150525 and then offset by the 1.28% for the change to the residential class from the 2014 decoupling filing under Docket No. UG-140533.

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Details supporting the revised level of funding, prior year collections and rate spread are detailed in work papers provided directly to the Commission's staff.

The amount of change in the total natural gas revenue requirement over last year is an increase of \$1,083,597. This revenue requirement results in an approximate average overall increase to rates for natural gas customers of 0.12%.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect issue dates of August 28, 2015, and effective dates of October 1, 2015. Posting of the proposed tariff change for public inspection and review, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed immediately prior to or coincident with the date of this transmittal letter, through web, telephone and mail access in accordance with WAC 480-90-193(1). Notice to the public under the provisions of WAC 480-90-194 is required which PSE will provide, as required, within 30 days of the requested October 1, 2015, effective date.

Please contact Lynn Logen at (425) 462-3872 for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions please contact me at (425) 456-2110.

Sincerely,



for Lynn F. Logen, Tariff Consultant
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Enclosures

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