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Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Re: **Advice No. 2019-31**
Puget Sound Energy - Natural Gas Tariff Revision

Dear Mr. Johnson:

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

- 17th Revision of Sheet No. 1129 - Low Income Program
- 2nd Revision of Sheet No. 1129-A.1 - Low Income Program (Continued)
- 18th Revision of Sheet No. 1129-B - Low Income Program (Continued)

The purpose of this filing is to convey PSE’s annual low income compliance filing as provided for in, 1) Exhibit G to the Settlement Stipulation Agreement approved by the Commission in Dockets UE-011570 and UG-011571 (the “Settlement”), and 2) the Multiparty Settlement Stipulation in Docket U-072375 and the Partial Settlement in Dockets UE-072300 and UG-072301, and as ordered by 3) the Commission in Order 08 in Dockets UE-111048 and UG-111049 (“Order 08”), and (4) the Commission in Order 07 in Dockets UE-121697 and UG-121705 (consolidated) issued jointly with Order 07 in Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138 (consolidated) (“Order 07”).

This filing proposes a \$767,000 increase to the total natural gas low income program revenue requirement. The increase from last year's filing is primarily due to, 1) \$193,000 and \$136,000 for the inclusion of the decoupling residential bill impact of 3.93% from May 2018 and 2.66% from May 2019, respectively, and 2) a change in the true-up for load of \$425,000. After PSE’s initial filing last year in Docket UG-180740, a corrected natural gas Annual Cap amount was filed into the docket to allow for the residential bill impact from the May 2018 Schedule 142 Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Mechanism filing. At the time, PSE and Commission Staff agreed to not change the filed rates for the correction to the Annual Cap, but to include the correction in the true-up portion of this year’s filing. Details regarding this correction are included in the revenue requirement work papers provided with this filing.

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This change in revenue requirement results in an average overall increase to rates for natural gas customers of 0.08 percent. Special contract, rental and lighting customers would see no change. The typical residential customer on Schedule 23 using 64 therms per month would experience an increase of 6 cents per month or 0.1 percent. The revised level of funding, prior year collections and rate spread are detailed in work papers provided with this filing.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of August 30, 2019, and effective date of October 1, 2019. Posting of the proposed tariff changes for public inspection and review, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed in accordance with WAC 480-90-193(1). Notice to the public under the provisions of WAC 480-90-194 will be provided, within 30 days of the requested October 1, 2019, effective date.

Please contact Julie Waltari at (425) 456-2945 for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions please contact me at (425) 456-2142.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:
Natural Gas Tariff Sheets (listed above)
Work Papers