

# STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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September 30, 2014

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Puget Sound Energy and NW Energy Coalition For an Order Authorizing PSE to Implement Electric and Natural Gas Decoupling Mechanisms and to Record Accounting Entries Associated with the Mechanisms, Dockets UE-121697 and UG-121705 (Consolidated)

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy, Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138 (Consolidated)

#### TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 25, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 07, Final Order Granting Petition in Dockets UE-121697 and UG-121705 (consolidated), and Final Order Authorizing Rates in Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138 (consolidated) (Order 07). In Order 07, the Commission authorized and required Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to make a compliance filing in each of the consolidated dockets to increase its low-income bill assistance program funding in proportion to the residential bill impacts of the proposal on August 31, 2013, and each August 31 thereafter, until the decoupling mechanisms cease operation. Order 07 also authorized PSE to increase its low-income billing assistance program funding by 1.0 million per year during the term of the rate plan. Order 07 authorizes the Commission's Executive Director and Secretary to approve by letter, with copies to all parties, revised tariff sheets that comply with the requirements of Order 07.

On August 29, 2014, PSE filed electric (Advice No. 2014-13) and natural gas (Advice No. 2014-24) tariff sheets as specified in Order 07. Advice No. 2014-23 revises the Low Income Program funding in order to reflect the increase in funding required by Order 07, however due to the de minimis (0.004% or \$14,186) amount of the increase in revenue requirement PSE is proposing to not change rates in this filing and to include that amount in the required true-up in 2015. Advice No. 2014-24 revises the Low Income Program charges in order to reflect the increase in funding required by Order 07 and for actual program funding costs due to changes in billing determinants and the collections over the past year. A list of the tariff sheets is attached to this letter.

The Commission has examined the filings and agrees that it is appropriate to include the 2014 revenue requirement changes with the 2015 true-up, and to maintain the current rates in Schedule 129, Sheet Nos. 129 - 129-A and 1129 - 1129-A and B. Accordingly, the Commission has determined that the filings appear to comply with the terms of the Order.

Therefore, the tariff sheets in the attachment to this letter will become effective as filed with an effective date of October 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

STEVEN V. KING Executive Director and Secretary

Attachment

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TARIFF SHEETS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMMISSION'S ORDER 07 IN DOCKETS UE-121697 and UG-121705 (Consolidated), and DOCKETS UE-130137 and UG-130138 (Consolidated)

### Low Income Program, Schedule 129 WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service (Advice No. 2014-23):

10 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129	Low Income Program
10 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129-A	Low Income Program (Continued)

## Low Income Program, Schedule 129 WN U-2, Natural Gas Service (Advice No. 2014-24):

10 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 1129	Low Income Program
7 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 1129-A	Low Income Program (Continued)
13 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 1129-B	Low Income Program (Continued)