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Steven V. King  
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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC. 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*

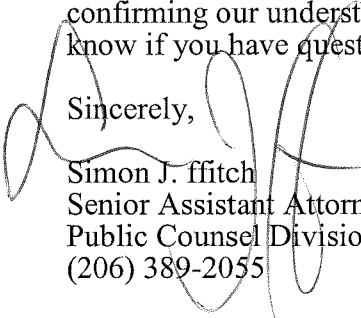
*In the Matter of Puget Sound Energy, Inc., WN U-60, Tariff G, Electric Service, Advice No. 213-01 and WN U-2 Natural Gas Service, Advice No. 2013-02  
Dockets UE-130137 and UG-130138*

Dear Mr. King:

This letter will confirm for the record Public Counsel's understanding of the role of Commission Staff and Staff counsel in this matter, based on telephone conversations and email exchanges with Senior Assistant Attorney General Sally Brown and Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Cameron-Rulkowski. I inquired about the nature of Staff's role in the above-captioned PSE remand case, specifically, whether Staff was acting as a representative of the Commission as a party to the appeal, or whether it is taking its traditional litigation role, making recommendations as an independent party, separated from the Commission by the ex parte wall, like the other parties to the case. Ms. Brown and Ms. Cameron-Rulkowski stated that Staff was acting in the independent role described above, with the ex parte wall in place, and was not acting as a representative of the Commission as a party to the appeal.

I advised Ms. Brown and Ms. Cameron-Rulkowski that I would file a letter in the docket confirming our understanding and they have reviewed and approved this letter. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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**Dockets UE-121697 & UG-121705**  
**Dockets UE-130137 & UG-130138**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of Public Counsel Letter addressed to Mr. King dated October 22, 2014, was sent to each of the parties of record shown below in sealed envelopes, via: First class mail and e-mail, postage prepaid and E-Mail .

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