BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

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for (i) Approval of a Special Contract for Liquefied Natural Gas Fuel Service with Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Inc. and (ii) a Declaratory Order Approving the Methodology for Allocating Costs Between Regulated and Non-regulated Liquefied Natural Gas Services **DOCKET UG-151663**

DECLARATION OF DAVID C. GOMEZ IN SUPPORT OF STAFF'S BRIEF ON ISSUES OF LAW AND FACT RAISED BY PSE'S PETITION

I, David C. Gomez, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declare as follows:

I am over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Washington, and competent to be a witness.

I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

("Commission") as the Assistant Power Supply Manager. I am the lead Staff analyst

assigned to Puget Sound Energy, Inc.'s ("PSE" or "Company") filing in Docket UG-151663.

The Parties in this case conducted technical conferences on September 18, 2015 and October 8, 2015, at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in Olympia. I was present and participated in those technical conferences with PSE and the other Parties in this case.

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I have issued numerous data requests to PSE in this case. I have reviewed PSE's responses to my data requests and the Company's responses to all data requests from other Parties in this case.

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I have engaged in numerous discussions with each of the Party's representatives in this case. We have discussed items such as PSE's testimony, the nature of the Company's proposal, discovery, and relevant policy.

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Based on my review of the Company's filing, participation in the technical conferences, review of discovery materials, conversations with the various representatives in this case, and my own research into PSE's request, it is Staff's understanding that at least two additional companies participated in the bidding process to provide Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Inc. ("TOTE") with liquefied natural gas ("LNG") to fuel its marine vessels at the Port of Tacoma. Mr. Clay Riding of PSE

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that competed against PSE in TOTE's solicitation for

marine fuel services.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 24th day of November 2015.

DAVID C. GOMEZ