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Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
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**Re: Advice No. 2019-29
PSE's Electric Tariff Filing – Filed Electronically**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-101 and WAC 480-80-105(1)(c), please find enclosed for filing the following proposed revisions to the WN U-60, Tariff G for electric service of Puget Sound Energy (“PSE” or “Company”):

- 8th Revision of Sheet No. 150, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 7th Revision of Sheet No. 150-A, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 11th Revision of Sheet No. 150-B, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 9th Revision of Sheet No. 150-C, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 5th Revision of Sheet No. 150-D, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 3rd Revision of Sheet No. 150-E, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 2nd Revision of Sheet No. 150-F, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 2nd Revision of Sheet No. 150-G, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 2nd Revision of Sheet No. 150-H, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 2nd Revision of Sheet No. 150-I, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 2nd Revision of Sheet No. 150-J, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 150-K, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 150-L, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 150-M, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 150-N, Schedule 150, Net Metering Services for Customer-Generator Systems
- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 152-A, Schedule 152, Interconnection with Electric Generators (Continued)
- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 152-B, Schedule 152, Interconnection with Electric Generators (Continued)
- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 152-S, Schedule 152, Interconnection with Electric Generators (Continued)
- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 152-T, Schedule 152, Interconnection with Electric Generators (Continued)
- Attachment “A-1” Procedures, Terms & Conditions – Tier 1 Generating Facilities - to Schedule 152
- Attachment “A-2” Procedures, Terms & Conditions – Tier 2 Generating Facilities - to Schedule 152
- Attachment “A-3” Procedures, Terms & Conditions – Tier 3 Generating Facilities - to Schedule 152
- Attachment “B” Application Tier 1 - to Schedule 152
- Attachment “C” Application Tier 2 and Tier 3- to Schedule 152

The primary purposes of this filing are to update tariff schedule language in optional Schedule 150 and Schedule 152 to: 1) align with the adopted changes to the RCW related to net metering; 2) eliminate redundant language in Schedule 150 that is included in Schedule 152; 3) update non-reoccurring fees related to the cost to process applications, set up meter aggregation and perform excess site visits; and 4) facilitate an easier way for customers to conduct the application process by removing Attachments “B” and “EZ” from Schedule 150 (and the reference of these attachments in Schedule 152) and making the application available to customers on the PSE.com website.

PSE is updating Schedule 150 to align with the RCW 80.60 revisions that will become effective July 28, 2019, as amended by Washington State Legislative Session, Engrossed 2nd Substitute Senate Bill 5223, an act relating to net metering. These Schedule 150 changes include (but are not limited to): 1) the increase of PSE’s offer of net metering, per the terms of RCW 80.60.020 on a first-come, first-served basis, until June 30, 2029 or the first date upon which the cumulative generating capacity of net metering systems equals four percent of the Company’s peak demand during 1996; 2) clarification about how PSE will calculate billed charges for energy consumption and credit for excess kilowatt-hour generation by a net metered system; 3) changing the net metering annual period to be from April 30th to March 31st of a calendar year; and 4) revising the terms of Net Meter Aggregation to allow for excess kilowatt-hour credit from one Designated Meter to be applied to energy charges on one Aggregated Meter that serves the same or contiguous property in the same Customer-Generator’s name.

PSE is proposing to eliminate redundant language in Schedule 150 relating to interconnection requirements, standards, and processes that is already in Schedule 152, the tariff schedule covering interconnection rules. The goal is to offer customers a simplified Schedule 150 that focuses on billing arrangements and terms and conditions specifically relevant to customers who are applying to operate a Net Metering System. These systems are a subset of other “interconnected systems” and will still need to comply with the terms and conditions of Schedule 152.

In order to facilitate an easier way for customers to have access to Customer-Generator applications, PSE is proposing to replace paper Customer-Generator applications and agreements with an explanation of the Company’s Interconnection Application content and process for eligible Net Metering Systems. This is designed to reflect the more modern, streamlined, electronic process that has enabled PSE to quadruple participation in this optional service since 2014 and will allow PSE to have the process flexibility to continue that trend. Since 2016, PSE has been using PowerClerk, an online interconnection application program. Every year PSE receives more than 1,500 applications to interconnect a net metering system. PSE needs to be able to work with customers, or installers on their behalves, to make changes and corrections to their applications and have those reflected in their final approved specifications. An electronic application process enables PSE to update an application without having to start paperwork over or re-sign paper documents. Additionally, PSE is proposing a reduction in the administrative cost for the more than 500 “move-ins and move-outs” that occur annually on Customer-Generator accounts by limiting the application requirement to only the customer that

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first applies for interconnection (or modifies an interconnected system). The Approval to Energize and terms of Net Metering would both automatically transfer to the new customer.

The work paper supporting this filing summarizes the calculations of costs and charges for: a \$145.00 Application Fee for Net Metering Systems up to 100 kW that use UL Listed inverter-based technology, starting on January 1, 2020; a \$150.00 Aggregation Set-Up Charge; and a potential Excess Site Visit Fee of \$240 for requiring PSE to make an additional site visit when the applicant has not complied with the Company's specifications.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of June 28, 2019, and an effective date of July 28, 2019. Notice and posting of proposed tariff changes, as required by law and the Commission's rules and regulations, is being completed through web, telephone and mail access in accordance with WAC 480-100-193. This tariff change does not increase recurring charges nor restrict access to this optional service.

Please contact Julie Waltari at (425) 456-2945 or Veronica Martin at (425) 457-5624 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:
Electric Tariff Sheets, listed above
Work Paper - Calculation of Charges and Fees