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Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary Washington
Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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**RE: Advice No. 2024-10
Puget Sound Energy’s Electric Tariff Revision**

Dear Executive Director Killip:

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

21 st Revision	Sheet No. 129	Low Income Program
7 th Revision	Sheet No. 129-A.1	Low Income Program (Continued)
21 st Revision	Sheet No. 129-B	Low Income Program (Continued)
20 th Revision	Sheet No. 129-C	Low Income Program (Continued)
22 nd Revision	Sheet No. 129-D	Low Income Program (Continued)
20 th Revision	Sheet No. 129-E	Low Income Program (Continued)
19 th Revision	Sheet No. 129-F	Low Income Program (Continued)
20 th Revision	Sheet No. 129-G	Low Income Program (Continued)
11 th Revision	Sheet No. 129-H	Low Income Program (Continued)
9 th Revision	Sheet No. 129-I	Low Income Program (Continued)

The purpose of this tariff filing is to increase the Annual Cap for total benefits available to customers for the remainder of the 2023-2024 Low Income Program Year. The benefits under Schedule 129 are available to PSE customers meeting the criteria described within that Schedule and pay towards charges on their bills.

With the introduction of PSE’s Bill Discount Rate in 2023, the Company has seen very large increases in requests for PSE Home Energy Lifeline Program (“HELP”) grants, leading to a depletion of funds at a greater rate than anticipated. In order to ensure that customer needs are met, PSE is seeking additional funding for the remainder of the Program Year. Part of this increase is due to PSE’s compliance with the Commission’s Order 01 in Docket No. UG-230470,

which contains a condition that PSE reach a target of at least 70,000 participants in a bill discount or bill assistance program.

PSE has worked with its Low Income Advisory Committee (“LIAC”) leading up to this filing. On February 13, 2024, the Company presented to the LIAC the current standing of PSE HELP for the remainder of the Program Year and the anticipated need for additional funding. On March 6th, PSE met with the LIAC to present several forecasting options and an update to what the funding request would be using each option.

Overall, this proposal represents a total revenue requirement increase of \$39.5 million, with \$29.3 million of that for electric customers. The collection of this revenue requirement is being spread over the remainder of the HELP program year – May 2024 through September 2024 – to allow for immediate access to funding and avoid rate stacking in the next HELP program year. The average increase for all electric customers affected by this tariff change is 2.67 percent increase in overall bills. A typical residential electric customer on Schedule 7 using 800 kWh per month would experience an increase of \$3.45 per month or 3.16 percent. Note that average residential customer use during this period is significantly lower than the annual typical use; therefore, an average residential customer uses 660 kWh per month during this period and would experience an increase of \$2.85 over the collection period.

Bill assistance programs such as PSE’s Bill Discount Rate, PSE Home Energy Lifeline Program (“HELP”), the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”), and the Salvation Army Warm Home Fund are available to qualified customers who need help with their energy bills. PSE customers can go to pse.com/assistance or call 1-888-225-5773 to learn if they are eligible. Payment plans are also available.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of March 22, 2024, and effective date of May 1, 2024. 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. Notice to the public under the provisions of WAC 480-100-194 will be provided within 30 days of the May 1, 2024, effective date.

Please contact Veronica Martin at veronica.martin@pse.com for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at birud.jhaveri@pse.com.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Electric Tariff Sheets (listed above)
Work Papers

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY
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**SCHEDULE 129
LOW INCOME PROGRAM**

AVAILABILITY/APPLICABILITY: The benefits available under this Low Income Program (“Program”) (as approved in Docket Nos. UE-011570 and UG-011571) are available to Customers of the Company meeting the criteria described herein. The charges under this schedule apply to all Customers of the Company.

BENEFITS:

1. Benefits under this Program are available through designated agencies (herein “Agencies”) that:
 - a) meet the criteria for a “Qualifying Organization” as defined in RCW 82.16.0497, b) the Company accepts as capable of performing necessary obligations under this Program, and c) executes a contract with the Company that is: i) consistent with this schedule, ii) provides for periodic auditing, and iii) provides for an annual administration evaluation. The Agencies will ascertain whether specific Customer households seeking assistance with their electric bills are eligible for assistance under the Program.
 - a. The Agencies will determine whether a Customer meets the federal definition for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”) qualification.
 - i) If the Customer is eligible, it will receive LIHEAP funds in lieu of funds under this Program unless or until LIHEAP funds are exhausted. Thereafter, the Customer will be considered for this Program. Beginning October 1, 2021, if the Customer is eligible, it will receive LIHEAP funds in addition to funds under this Program or until LIHEAP funds are exhausted.
 - ii) If the Customer is not eligible to receive LIHEAP funds, but meets the Company criteria, the Customer will be considered for this Program.
 - iii) If the Customer meets all applicable criteria, the Customer will be eligible to receive assistance under the Company’s Program or Customers may voluntarily choose to participate in a Time of Day Discount assistance program (Schedules 308 and 309).
 - b. Total Benefits for the program year (where Total Benefits is equal to benefits to eligible Customers under this Program plus the Agencies’ administrative fees and the Company’s program costs) under this Program and the Total Benefits of the Program under the Company’s natural gas tariff are subject to a combined Annual Cap of \$75.142 million, (I)
provided that Total Benefits not expended in one program year will be included in Total Benefits for the following program year and be allocated along with funding for the current program year. The Annual Cap for the program year is allocated into Annual Caps of \$59.617 million for electric and \$15.525 million for natural gas Low Income Programs. Total (I) (I)
Benefits are equal to the Annual Caps plus carry-over of funds not expended in the prior year.

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SCHEDULE 129
LOW INCOME PROGRAM (Continued)

FUNDING:

1. There will be a prescribed agency administrative fee structure based on actual costs to local contractors to operate the LIHEAP program in Washington State. The administrative fees paid to Agencies will be considered part of the Total Benefits paid under this Program. Funding of benefits under this Program will be allocated in the Company's service area proportionate to LIHEAP payments to PSE for electricity in the most recent LIHEAP fiscal year.
2. There will be a surcharge on all electric Energy (kWh) and all natural gas Energy (therms) to all customer classes that will be subject to an annual true-up to reflect changes in billing determinants so that the Annual Cap of \$75.142 million under the natural gas and electric Low Income Programs are equal to the Funding amounts collected by this schedule plus the Natural Gas Schedule 129, minus the effect of all of the Company's revenue sensitive costs such as taxes. Microsoft Special Contract monthly rate is not subject to an annual true-up. (I)

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SCHEDULE 129
LOW INCOME PROGRAM (Continued)

MONTHLY RATE: The surcharge rate shown below and on the following sheets shall be added to the rate(s) shown on each schedule for electric service.

SCHEDULES 7, 307, 317 & 327

Energy Charge: \$0.005741 per kWh (l)

SCHEDULE 7A

Energy Charge: \$0.004359 per kWh (l)

SCHEDULES 8, 24 & 324

Energy Charge: \$0.004796 per kWh (l)

SCHEDULES 11 & 25

Energy Charge: \$0.004359 per kWh (l)

SCHEDULES 12 & 26

Energy Charge: \$0.003908 per kWh (l)

SCHEDULE 29

Energy Charge: \$0.002696 per kWh (l)

SCHEDULES 10 & 31

Energy Charge: \$0.003857 per kWh (l)

SCHEDULE 35

Energy Charge: \$0.002232 per kWh (l)

SCHEDULE 43

Energy Charge: \$0.005221 per kWh (l)

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**SCHEDULE 129
LOW INCOME PROGRAM (Continued)**

MONTHLY RATE: (Continued)

SCHEDULE 46

Energy Charge: \$0.002711 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULES 448, 449, 458 & 459

- Primary Voltage \$0.000179 per kWh (I)
- High Voltage \$0.000179 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULE 49

Energy Charge: \$0.002994 per kWh (I)

MICROSOFT SPECIAL CONTRACT

- High Voltage \$0.000614 per kWh
- Primary Voltage \$0.000614 per kWh
- Secondary Voltage \$0.000614 per kWh

SCHEDULE 50 – Customer-Owned Fluorescent Lighting Service

Lamp Wattage

22 Watts \$0.10 (I)

SCHEDULE 50 – Customer-Owned Mercury Vapor Lighting Service

SCHEDULE 50 – Customer-Owned Energy Only Mercury Vapor Lighting Service

Lamp Wattage

100 Watts \$0.46 (I)
175 Watts \$0.82 I
400 Watts \$1.88 I
700 Watts \$3.28 (I)

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SCHEDULE 129
LOW INCOME PROGRAM (Continued)

MONTHLY RATE: (Continued)

SCHEDULES 51, 53 & 54 – LED (Light Emitting Diode) Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>		
0-30 Watt	\$0.07	150.01-180 Watt	\$0.77	(I)	(I)
30.01-60 Watt	\$0.21	180.01-210 Watt	\$0.91		
60.01-90 Watt	\$0.35	210.01-240 Watt	\$1.05		
90.01-120 Watt	\$0.49	240.01-270 Watt	\$1.19		
120.01-150 Watt	\$0.63	270.01-300 Watt	\$1.33	(I)	(I)

SCHEDULES 51 & 53 – Smart LED Light Charges

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Energy Charge: \$0.013014 per kWh

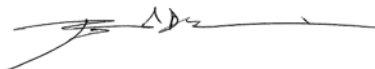
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SCHEDULE 129
LOW INCOME PROGRAM (Continued)

MONTHLY RATE: (Continued)

SCHEDULE 52 – Sodium Vapor Lighting Service

Lamp Wattage

50 Watt	\$0.24	(l)
70 Watt	\$0.32	
100 Watt	\$0.46	
150 Watt	\$0.70	
200 Watt	\$0.94	
250 Watt	\$1.17	
310 Watt	\$1.45	
400 Watt	\$1.88	(l)

SCHEDULE 52 – Metal Halide Lighting Service

Lamp Wattage

70 Watt	\$0.32	(l)
100 Watt	\$0.46	
150 Watt	\$0.70	
175 Watt	\$0.82	
250 Watt	\$1.17	
400 Watt	\$1.88	
1000 Watt	\$4.69	(l)

SCHEDULE 53 – Sodium Vapor Lighting Service

Lamp Wattage

50 Watt	\$0.24	(l)
70 Watt	\$0.32	
100 Watt	\$0.46	
150 Watt	\$0.70	
200 Watt	\$0.94	
250 Watt	\$1.17	
310 Watt	\$1.45	
400 Watt	\$1.88	
1000 Watt	\$4.69	(l)

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MONTHLY RATE: (Continued)

SCHEDULE 53 – Metal Halide Lighting Service

Lamp Wattage

70 Watt	\$0.32		(I)
100 Watt	\$0.46		I
150 Watt	\$0.70		I
175 Watt	\$0.82	(Customer-Owned Only)	I
250 Watt	\$1.17		I
400 Watt	\$1.88		(I)

Schedule 53 – LED Lighting Service

See Sheet No. 129-D

SCHEDULE 54 – Sodium Vapor

Lamp Wattage

Dusk to Dawn

50 Watt	\$0.24		(I)
70 Watt	\$0.32		I
100 Watt	\$0.46		I
150 Watt	\$0.70		I
200 Watt	\$0.94		I
250 Watt	\$1.17		I
310 Watt	\$1.45		I
400 Watt	\$1.88		I
1000 Watt	\$4.69		(I)

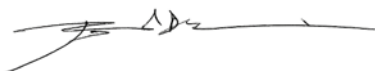
Schedule 54 – LED Light Service

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SCHEDULE 129

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MONTHLY RATE: (Continued)

SCHEDULES 55 & 56 – Sodium Vapor Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	
70 Watt	\$0.32	(l)
100 Watt	\$0.46	
150 Watt	\$0.70	
200 Watt	\$0.94	
250 Watt	\$1.18	
400 Watt	\$1.88	(l)

SCHEDULES 55 & 56 – Metal Halide Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	
250 Watt	\$1.18	(l)

SCHEDULES 55 & 56 – Light Emitting Diode (LED) Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>		
0-30	\$0.07	180.01 – 210	\$0.91	(l)	(l)
30.01 – 60	\$0.21	210.01 – 240	\$1.05		
60.01 – 90	\$0.35	240.01 – 270	\$1.19		
90.01 – 120	\$0.49	270.01 – 300	\$1.33		(l)
120.01 – 150	\$0.63				
150.01 – 180	\$0.77			(l)	

SCHEDULE 57

Monthly Rate per Watt of Connected Load:	\$0.00880	(l)
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**SCHEDULE 129
LOW INCOME PROGRAM (Continued)**

MONTHLY RATE: (Continued)

SCHEDULES 58 & 59 – Directional Sodium Vapor Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	
70 Watt	\$0.32	(l)
100 Watt	\$0.46	
150 Watt	\$0.70	
200 Watt	\$0.94	
250 Watt	\$1.18	
400 Watt	\$1.88	(l)

SCHEDULES 58 & 59 – Directional Metal Halide Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	
175 Watt	\$0.83	(l)
250 Watt	\$1.18	
400 Watt	\$1.88	
1000 Watt	\$4.70	(l)

SCHEDULES 58 & 59 – Horizontal Sodium Vapor Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	
100 Watt	\$0.46	(l)
150 Watt	\$0.70	
200 Watt	\$0.94	
250 Watt	\$1.18	
400 Watt	\$1.88	(l)

SCHEDULES 58 & 59 – Horizontal Metal Halide Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	
250 Watt	\$1.18	(l)
400 Watt	\$1.88	(l)

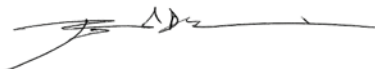
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MONTHLY RATE: (Continued)

SCHEDULES 58 & 59 – Light Emitting Diode (LED) Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>		
0-30	\$0.07	270.01 – 300	\$1.33	(I)	(I)
30.01 – 60	\$0.21	300.01 – 400	\$1.64		
60.01 – 90	\$0.35	400.00 – 500	\$2.12		
90.01 – 120	\$0.49	500.01 – 600	\$2.58		
120.01 – 150	\$0.63	600.01 – 700	\$3.06		
150.01 – 180	\$0.77	700.01 – 800	\$3.52		
180.01 – 210	\$0.91	800.01 – 900	\$3.99		(I)
210.01 – 240	\$1.05				
240.01 – 270	\$1.19			(I)	

ADJUSTMENTS: Rates in this schedule and those rates reflected in the schedules for electric service to which the surcharge in the Funding and Rate sections above apply, are subject to adjustment by such other schedules in this tariff as may apply.

GENERAL RULES AND PROVISIONS: Service under this schedule is subject to the General Rules and Provisions in this tariff (Schedule 80) as they may be modified from time to time and other schedules of such tariff that may from time to time apply as they may be modified from time to time.

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