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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary Washington  
Utilities and Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

**RE: Advice No. 2023-31  
Puget Sound Energy’s Electric Tariff Revision**

Dear Executive Director Maxwell:

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”):

2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 134	Community Solar Project Services
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 134-B	Community Solar Project Services (Continued)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 134-D	Community Solar Project Services (Continued)

The primary purposes of this filing are to update optional Schedule 134 Community Solar Project Services to: 1) expand funding sources for offsetting income-eligible shares; 2) revise the definition of Income Eligible to expand access; 3) increase the number of no-cost shares income eligible customers can sign up for; and 4) update the source methodology for the Community Solar Energy Credit.

As provided for in RCW 80.28.370(3), PSE established its electric Schedule 134 to allow Customers who face barriers to rooftop solar with the opportunity to share in the costs and benefits of new solar projects, beginning on November 1, 2021. Given the continued interest in this service, PSE plans to increase its expectation of deploying a total of 25MW to deploying a total of 50MW by end of 2025, in accordance with Final Order 08 Approving CEIP Subject to Conditions in Docket UE-210795.

PSE is proposing to expand available funding sources for the no-cost income-eligible shares under Schedule 134 to include electric Schedule 141CEI as well as other state funding. This will

enable the company to offer more no-cost shares to income-eligible customers, beginning with 3,050 new shares from two ground-mounted solar projects in Kittitas County. Expanding the funding sources will allow administration of the service to act more quickly when new funds become available, and shifts dedicated income-eligible shares from a minimum of 20% to a minimum of 30%.

This filing includes a proposed tariff revision that broadens the definition of Income-Eligible Option Criteria from household incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level (“FPL”), adjusted for household size, to household incomes of 200% of FPL or 80% area median income. This proposed tariff change will align the income-eligible definition with that used in other PSE offers (for example, the current Schedule 129 Low Income Program, the pending Schedule 327 Bill Discount Rate, and the low income weatherization program under Schedule 129). The revised definition allows for new Schedule 134 adoption in higher-income counties, and opens potential participation to 150,000 additional income-eligible customers. Furthermore, this tariff filing increases the number of no-cost shares available for income-eligible households from one share to two, which provides more Schedule 134 benefits to income-eligible customers.

Exhibit A supporting this filing identifies the source of the proposed Community Solar Energy Credit of \$0.067130/kWh, which is an increase in value from the existing \$0.044883/kWh. This proposed change aligns the Community Solar Energy Credit with the value of distributed energy resources solar within PSE’s 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”) Progress Report that was filed with the Commission on March 31, 2023. PSE had been sharing its analyses and findings throughout the compilation of the report with interested parties, which include the Commission staff among other interested groups. PSE will update the Schedule 134 Community Solar Energy Credit in the future be aligned with the IRP filed with the Commission.

The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of August 14, 2023, and effective date of October 1, 2023. 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.

Please contact Veronica Martin at [veronica.martin@pse.com](mailto:veronica.martin@pse.com) for additional information about this filing. If you have any other questions, please contact me at (425) 462-3946.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Birud D. Jhaveri*

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PROPOSED

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Attachments: Electric Tariff Sheets (listed above)  
Exhibit A

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY  
Electric Tariff G**

**SCHEDULE 134  
COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT SERVICES**

**AVAILABILITY:**

1. Service under this schedule is available to all electric Customers billed monthly on Schedules 7, 7A, 8, 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26, 29, 35, 43, 46, 49, 307, 317, 324, and 327 as an option designed to provide Customers an opportunity to purchase community solar energy resources. Service is on a continuing monthly basis unless terminated as provided herein and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, until the service is fully subscribed. Once fully subscribed, no new customers will be allowed to take service until additional community solar projects are added or shares of an existing project become available. (C)
2. Service is available to Customers opting to take service under this schedule for an initial minimum term of one year.
3. Participating Customers will support the use and development of shared community solar resources which are solar projects developed on rooftops/land in partnership with entities such as but not limited to municipal and tribal premises as well as larger distributed sites which are either PURPA small generators or PSE-owned facilities.
4. Participating Customers may subscribe to one or more Community Solar Projects within available Resource Options.
5. Service under the Community Solar Project Services will be available on or by November 1, 2021.
6. If, at the Company's determination, the resources will not be adequate to meet the full requirements of the Customer, the Company may terminate the service with no liability to the Customer or to the Company. If a replacement project can be sourced and mutually agreed upon, a new subscription will be created.


**TYPE OF SERVICE:** Service under this schedule is provided through Community Solar Projects contracted for or owned by the Company. For Community Solar Projects owned by the Company, the Company may include financial benefits from the Inflation Reduction Act as available to support the funding of these projects. (N)  
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**SCHEDULE 134  
COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT SERVICES (Continued)**

**MONTHLY RATE (Continued):**

- a. Community Solar Energy Credit: \$0.067130 per kWh (R)
- b. Community Solar Resource Option Charge:  
Listed in Community Solar Resource Options Section

The monthly charge(s) is in addition to all other charges contained in the rate schedule under which the Participating Customer receives service. The monthly charge(s) for shares of Community Solar Resource Option(s) under this schedule will be applied to the Participating Customer's billing regardless of actual energy usage.

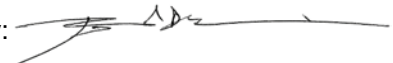
**ENROLLMENT:**

- a. Customers who choose to take service under this Schedule must complete the Company's Enrollment process to participate in this service. Initiation of service under this schedule will occur following acceptance and processing of the Enrollment request by the Company.
- b. Customers interested in Community Solar Resource Option will complete an Enrollment Request and, as applicable, a Service Agreement, once initial enrollment has begun.
- c. The Company will manage the overall quantity of Community Solar Resource Option(s) that can be contracted under this service. The available quantity will depend on the amount of Community Solar Projects that are available upon completion of resource acquisition.
- d. From 2021 onward, ongoing enrollment will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the first business day 30 calendar days after the tariff schedule effective date of a new Community Solar Resource Option being made available per this tariff schedule and remain open until all the Community Solar Resource Options available per this tariff schedule are fully subscribed. In the event that a shares subsequently become available, those shares will be offered first to Customers on the waiting list. If no Customers are signed up for a waiting list at the time that shares subsequently becomes available, the shares will be available to all Customers on a first-come, first-served basis. (D)  
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**SCHEDULE 134  
COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT SERVICES (Continued)**

**INCOME-ELIGIBLE OPTION CRITERIA:** A Customer with a household income not to exceed the higher of 80% of area median income or 200% of federal poverty level, adjusted for household size, is considered to be eligible for up to two shares of the Income-Eligible Community Solar Option. Income-eligible Participating Customers will receive benefits of their Community Solar share at no charge. (C)  
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To receive benefits under the income-eligible offering, a Customer must either: 1) be previously verified as eligible by a designated agency as defined under Schedule 129 of this tariff within the past year; or 2) self-qualify their eligibility during the enrollment process. Participating Customers who are determined to meet the eligibility requirements will need to recertify their qualifications each year. At its discretion the Company may request additional information to verify income eligibility.

**SOURCE OF INCOME-ELIGIBLE FUNDING:** Sources of Income-Eligible funding may include but are not limited to WSU Renewable Energy System Incentive Program (RESIP) funding; any awarded Department of Commerce low income solar grants; funds from other PSE voluntary product reserves; funding from Special contracts; voluntary cost-sharing from general participants; and alternative third-party sources may be utilized in combination to support the funding required for offering this option. (C)  
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**COMMUNITY SOLAR RESOURCE OPTIONS:**

a. Community Solar Resource Option 1(13401CS) – 1.46 kW

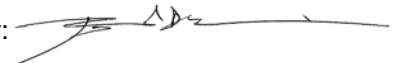
<b>Rate per Share per Month</b>	\$20
<b>Income-Eligible Option Rate per Share per Month</b>	\$0

**ADJUSTMENTS:** Rates in the schedule 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 contained in this tariff.

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