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

**RE: Advice No. 2025-20  
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”):

23 <sup>rd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129	Low Income Program
9 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129-A.1	Low Income Program (Continued)
23 <sup>rd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129-B	Low Income Program (Continued)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129-C	Low Income Program (Continued)
24 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129-D	Low Income Program (Continued)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129-E	Low Income Program (Continued)
21 <sup>st</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129-F	Low Income Program (Continued)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129-G	Low Income Program (Continued)
13 <sup>th</sup> Revision	Sheet No. 129-H	Low Income Program (Continued)
11 <sup>th</sup> 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 2024-2025 Low Income Program Year as well as to increase rates to recover the increase in the Annual Cap. The benefits under Schedule 129 are available to PSE customers meeting the criteria described within that Schedule and are used to offset charges on their bills.

Last program year, PSE experienced a large increase in the volume of applications received for its bill assistance programs. This large increase was attributed to the move to self-attestation and marketing efforts related to the launch of the Bill Discount Rate. With that large increase in applications, PSE determined that additional funding would be needed to provide PSE HELP grants to all of the applications received in the program year. PSE and the Low Income Advisory

Committee (“LIAC”) explored several forecast methods together before selecting a forecast method based on the average number of applications received per week in that program year. PSE then increased the cap for the last program year based on that forecast.

Prior to the beginning of the current program year, PSE determined the revenue requirement for the 2024-2025 Low Income Program Year based on the total revenue requirement for the 2023-2024 Low Income Program Year (which included a step increase as discussed above) with small adjustments made, such as to account for rate increases. Setting the revenue requirement in this way has historically worked well. Considering the step increase taken in the prior year, the Company and the LIAC believed this method would produce a sound forecast for the current program year.

However, even with last year’s step increase, PSE has again seen a large increase in the volume of applications received so far this program year over the last program year, leading to a depletion of funds at a greater rate than anticipated. Therefore, in order to ensure that customer needs in the Home Energy Lifeline Program (“HELP”) are met, PSE is seeking additional funding for the remainder of the Program Year.

PSE has worked with its LIAC leading up to this filing. On February 20, 2025, 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. The LIAC had the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions, and the LIAC indicated support for this tariff filing. The forecasted additional funding need uses the same forecast method, the average number of applications received per week in the current program year that was used for last program year’s mid-year increase.

Additionally, a rate is included in this filing for a new tariff Schedule 558 Electric Vehicle Fleet Charging General Service. PSE plans to propose the new tariff schedule in a filing made prior to the Commission’s review of this electric Schedule 129 docket.

Overall, this proposal represents a total revenue requirement increase of \$42.6 million, with \$34.8 million of that for electric customer benefits. The collection of this revenue requirement is being spread over the remainder of the current HELP program year – May 2025 through September 2025 – to allow for immediate access to funding. The average increase for all electric customers affected by this tariff change is 2.97 percent increase in overall bills. A typical residential electric customer on Schedule 7 using 800 kWh per month would experience an increase of \$4.22 per month or 3.3 percent.

RCW 80.28.425(2) outlines a five percent threshold relative to a utility total revenue requirement for tariff schedules that reduce energy burden of low-income residential customers. PSE analysis shows that the level of recovery for spending on tariff schedules that reduce the energy burden of low income residential customers, including this tariff filing, are currently measured at 4.4% (Electric) and 2.5% (Gas) of the total revenue requirement approved by the Commission. Given RCW 80.28.425(2) also requires low income assistance to increase by double the percentage increase in residential base rates approved in each year of a MYRP, PSE estimates these calculations to increase to 5.3% (Electric) and 2.8% (Gas) in October 2025 for the next program year. As PSE funding for ratepayer-funded low-income programs will exceed the 5% threshold

for the next program year, PSE would appreciate a discussion and guidance from the Commission in advance of the Company's next low income filing, in September 2025, on what utilities should be expected to do when that calculation crosses the 5% limit.

Bill assistance programs such as PSE's Bill Discount Rate ("BDR"), PSE Home Energy Lifeline Program ("HELP"), the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP"), Past-due Bill Forgiveness (an Arrearage Management Plan which launched in October 2025), and the Salvation Army Warm Home Fund ("WHF") are available to qualified customers who need help with their energy bills. PSE customers can go to [pse.com/assistance](https://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 28, 2025, and effective date of May 1, 2025. 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, 2025, effective date.

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 [birud.jhaveri@pse.com](mailto:birud.jhaveri@pse.com).

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Electric Tariff Sheets (listed above)  
Work Papers

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY  
Electric Tariff G**

**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:**

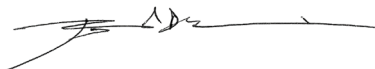
1. Benefits under this Program are available through designated agencies (herein “Agencies”) that:
  - a) meet the criteria for a “Qualifying Organization” as defined in RCW 82.16.0497, b) the Company accepts as capable of performing necessary obligations under this Program, and c) executes a contract 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 \$124.421 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 \$104.302 million for electric and \$20.119 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 \$124.421 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: \$0.009026 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULE 7A

Energy Charge: \$0.006922 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULES 8, 24 & 324

Energy Charge: \$0.007698 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULES 11 & 25

Energy Charge: \$0.006922 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULES 12 & 26

Energy Charge: \$0.006240 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULE 29

Energy Charge: \$0.004718 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULES 10 & 31

Energy Charge: \$0.006136 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULE 35

Energy Charge: \$0.003832 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULE 43

Energy Charge: \$0.008045 per kWh (I)

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

**MONTHLY RATE: (Continued)**

SCHEDULE 46

Energy Charge: \$0.004515 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULES 448, 449, 458 & 459

- Primary Voltage \$0.000368 per kWh (I)
- High Voltage \$0.000368 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULE 49

Energy Charge: \$0.004736 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULE 558\*

Energy Charge: \$0.011678 (N)  
I

\*Rate is effective upon the effective date of the Commission's approval of Schedule 558 Electric Vehicle Charging General Service (N)

MICROSOFT SPECIAL CONTRACT

- High Voltage \$0.001228 per kWh (I)
- Primary Voltage \$0.001228 per kWh I
- Secondary Voltage \$0.001228 per kWh (I)

SCHEDULE 50 – Customer-Owned Fluorescent Lighting Service

Lamp Wattage

22 Watts \$0.14 (I)

SCHEDULE 50 – Customer-Owned Mercury Vapor Lighting Service

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

Lamp Wattage

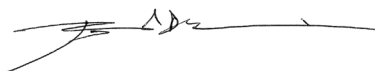
100 Watts \$0.71 (I)  
175 Watts \$1.24 I  
400 Watts \$2.70 I  
700 Watts \$5.74 (I)

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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	\$0.12	150.01-180 Watt	\$1.20	(I)	(I)
30.01-60 Watt	\$0.30	180.01-210 Watt	\$1.31		
60.01-90 Watt	\$0.50	210.01-240 Watt	\$1.41		
90.01-120 Watt	\$0.72	240.01-270 Watt	\$1.72		
120.01-150 Watt	\$0.82	270.01-300 Watt	\$1.82	(I)	(I)

SCHEDULES 51 & 53 – Smart LED Light Charges

Energy Charge: \$0.027663 per kWh (I)

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

**MONTHLY RATE:** (Continued)

SCHEDULE 52 – Sodium Vapor Lighting Service

Lamp Wattage

50 Watt	\$0.32	(I)
70 Watt	\$0.49	
100 Watt	\$0.71	
150 Watt	\$0.87	
200 Watt	\$1.32	
250 Watt	\$1.70	
310 Watt	\$1.90	
400 Watt	\$2.70	(I)

SCHEDULE 52 – Metal Halide Lighting Service

Lamp Wattage

70 Watt	\$0.49	(I)
100 Watt	\$0.71	
150 Watt	\$0.87	
175 Watt	\$1.24	
250 Watt	\$1.70	
400 Watt	\$2.70	
1000 Watt	\$6.74	(I)

SCHEDULE 53 – Sodium Vapor Lighting Service

Lamp Wattage

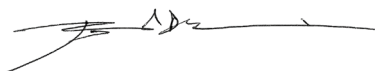
50 Watt	\$0.32	(I)
70 Watt	\$0.49	
100 Watt	\$0.71	
150 Watt	\$0.87	
200 Watt	\$1.32	
250 Watt	\$1.70	
310 Watt	\$1.90	
400 Watt	\$2.70	
1000 Watt	\$6.74	(I)

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

**MONTHLY RATE:** (Continued)

SCHEDULE 53 – Metal Halide Lighting Service

Lamp Wattage

70 Watt	\$0.49		(I)
100 Watt	\$0.71		I
150 Watt	\$0.87		I
175 Watt	\$1.24	(Customer-Owned Only)	I
250 Watt	\$1.70		I
400 Watt	\$2.70		(I)

Schedule 53 – LED Lighting Service

See Sheet No. 129-D

SCHEDULE 54 – Sodium Vapor

Lamp Wattage

Dusk to Dawn

50 Watt	\$0.32		
70 Watt	\$0.49		(I)
100 Watt	\$0.71		I
150 Watt	\$0.87		I
200 Watt	\$1.32		I
250 Watt	\$1.70		I
310 Watt	\$1.90		I
400 Watt	\$2.70		I
1000 Watt	\$6.74		I

Schedule 54 – LED Light Service


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**SCHEDULE 129**

**LOW INCOME PROGRAM (Continued)**

**MONTHLY RATE: (Continued)**

SCHEDULES 55 & 56 – Sodium Vapor Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	
70 Watt	\$0.74	(I)
100 Watt	\$0.94	I
150 Watt	\$1.11	I
200 Watt	\$1.57	I
250 Watt	\$1.96	I
400 Watt	\$2.92	(I)

SCHEDULES 55 & 56 – Metal Halide Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	
250 Watt	\$1.96	(I)

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	\$0.35	180.01 – 210	\$1.56	(I)	(I)
30.01 – 60	\$0.53	210.01 – 240	\$1.66	I	I
60.01 – 90	\$0.75	240.01 – 270	\$1.98	I	I
90.01 – 120	\$0.95	270.01 – 300	\$2.08	I	(I)
120.01 – 150	\$1.06			I	
150.01 – 180	\$1.46			(I)	

SCHEDULE 57

Monthly Rate per Watt of Connected Load:	\$0.00873	(I)
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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	\$0.74	(I)
100 Watt	\$0.94	I
150 Watt	\$1.11	I
200 Watt	\$1.57	I
250 Watt	\$1.96	I
400 Watt	\$2.92	(I)

SCHEDULES 58 & 59 – Directional Metal Halide Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	
175 Watt	\$1.49	(I)
250 Watt	\$1.96	I
400 Watt	\$2.92	I
1000 Watt	\$7.04	(I)

SCHEDULES 58 & 59 – Horizontal Sodium Vapor Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	
100 Watt	\$0.94	(I)
150 Watt	\$1.11	I
200 Watt	\$1.57	I
250 Watt	\$1.96	I
400 Watt	\$2.92	(I)

SCHEDULES 58 & 59 – Horizontal Metal Halide Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	
250 Watt	\$1.96	(I)
400 Watt	\$2.92	(I)

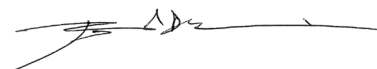
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SCHEDULES 58 & 59 – Light Emitting Diode (LED) Lighting Service

<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>	<u>Lamp Wattage</u>	<u>Per Lamp</u>		
0-30	\$0.35	270.01 – 300	\$2.08	(I)	(I)
30.01 – 60	\$0.53	300.01 – 400	\$2.75		
60.01 – 90	\$0.75	400.00 – 500	\$3.09		
90.01 – 120	\$0.95	500.01 – 600	\$3.42		
120.01 – 150	\$1.06	600.01 – 700	\$5.86		
150.01 – 180	\$1.46	700.01 – 800	\$6.20		
180.01 – 210	\$1.56	800.01 – 900	\$6.54		(I)
210.01 – 240	\$1.66				
240.01 – 270	\$1.98			(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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