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**RE: Advice No. 2025-28
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 schedule for a new electric service of Puget Sound Energy (“PSE” or the “Company”):

Original	Sheet No. 612	Portable Battery Grant Service
Original	Sheet No. 612-A	Portable Battery Grant Service (Continued)
Original	Sheet No. 612-B	Portable Battery Grant Service (Continued)
Original	Attachment “A”	Waiver and Release Agreement

The purpose of this filing is to propose a new electric tariff Schedule 612, Portable Battery Grant Service. This new electric service will provide limited grants, on a first-come, first-served basis, for portable backup power that assists customers who rely on electric-powered life-supporting medical equipment in safely transitioning to a safe alternative location during the event of a PSE public safety power shutoff due to wildfire concerns.¹ This optional grant service will also be available to PSE’s vulnerable customers who meet low-income qualifications and rely on electric-powered life-supporting medical equipment.

The proposed Schedule 612 will provide grants up to \$5,000 per customer for a portable battery (or batteries as needed) and related battery equipment and will be limited to up to 100 initial

¹ Information about PSE’s public safety power shutoff during high-risk wildfire weather conditions and be found at <https://www.pse.com/en/pages/Wild-fire-preparedness/Public-Safety-Power-Shutoff>

grants. The proposed service will include energy assessments, battery equipment delivery and installation, educational materials, and in-person consultation.

A participating customer must complete a waiver and release agreement, included in this filing as Attachment “A”, acknowledging that the granted battery equipment is intended for temporary operation of medical devices only. The Schedule 612 customer will have the operational responsibility and ownership for the granted battery equipment. PSE will provide education to the Schedule 612 customer on battery usage and maintaining the battery.

The proposed new Schedule 612 service aligns with industry best practices and learnings from other services that have been implemented by other utilities across the western United States. For example, Portland General Electric provides no-cost backup batteries to qualifying medical certificate customers who are enrolled in their bill discount program and reside in high-risk fire areas. Southern California Edison offers the Critical Care Backup Battery Program which achieved a 99% customer satisfaction rate in 2024. San Diego Gas & Electric offers a Portable Battery Program which reported from customer feedback for 2019-2023 that 94% of customers who received a battery used it when they experienced a public safety power shutoff.

Sources of funding for this proposed service may include, but are not limited to, electric tariff Schedule 141WFP, general rates, awarded government funding or other sources.

PSE will provide periodic updates in its annual Wildfire Mitigation Plan detailing participation, progress, expenses, customer satisfaction and other relevant data.

This grant service represents a critical step in protecting our most vulnerable customers during outages, including potential Public Safety Power Shutoff events. The tariff sheets described herein reflect an issue date of May 6, 2025, and an effective date of June 5, 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.

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Sincerely,

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Attachments: Electric Tariff Sheets (listed above)
Attachment "A" Waiver and Release Agreement

**PUGET SOUND ENERGY
Electric Tariff G**

**SCHEDULE 612
PORTABLE BATTERY GRANT SERVICE**

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APPLICABILITY: This Portable Battery Grant Service (the "PBG Service") is available starting on or before August 1, 2025, to a Customer taking electric service from the Company and who is designated by the Company as having an Approved Life Support Status and is either taking Electric Service in a High Fire Threat Area or is an Identified Low-Income Customer. The PBG Service will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis to an eligible Customer to assist the Customer in safely transitioning to an alternative location during the event of a Public Safety Power Shutoff by the Company.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this schedule is to provide grants for Portable Battery and additional related equipment to an eligible Customer per terms and conditions set forth in this schedule. An energy assessment, Portable Battery equipment delivery and installation, educational materials, and in-person consultation may also be provided.

GRANTS: The number of grants is limited to the first 100 Schedule 612 Customers; and the maximum value of a grant is \$5,000 per Customer.

DEFINITIONS:

Approved Life Support Status indicates that the Company has received necessary information about a Schedule 612 Customer who is an individual requiring In-Home Life Support Equipment living at the Premises.

High Fire Threat Area means an area within the Company's Electric Service territory that has been identified in the Company's Wildfire Mitigation Plan pursuant to RCW 76.04.185 and RCW 19.29A.170 as an area that has a High Fire Threat ("HFT") index, which is a measure of the historic coincidence of vegetation (fuel density and moisture) and severe weather conditions. This measure is used to rank the Company's distribution and transmission lines and indicate where they occur in higher wildfire risk areas. These HFT scores are utilized to guide situational awareness and grid hardening investments, as well as the Company's operational decision making.

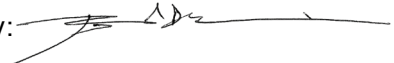
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DEFINITIONS: (Continued)

Identified Low-Income Customer is a Customer whose adjusted household income does not exceed the higher of 80 percent of area median household income or two hundred percent of the federal poverty level, adjusted for household size (consistent with RCW 19.405.020(25)); and who also: 1) has successfully completed the enrollment process to take service under an applicable Bill Discount Rate schedule, or has taken service under an applicable Bill Discount Rate schedule within the last 24 months, as long as the Customer has not been de-enrolled for failure to provide eligibility verification; or 2) is receiving bill assistance under Schedule 129 Low Income Program or has received bill assistance under Schedule 129 within the last 24 months.

In-Home Life Support Equipment means life support equipment at a Premises that is dependent on the Company’s Electric Service for life-support medical equipment, such as kidney dialysis device, oxygen concentrator, ventilator, infusion feeding pump, apnea monitor, respirator, pressure breathing therapy device, or other equipment as designated by the Customer’s medical professional.

Portable Battery means a portable battery backup device or devices and additional related equipment.

Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) means temporarily shutting off power lines to help prevent wildfires from starting. In the event of high wildfire risk, to proactively de-energize as it pertains to wildfire mitigation, as outlined in the Company’s filed Wildfire Mitigation Plan pursuant to RCW 76.04.185 and RCW 19.29A.170, the Company may initiate a service disruption utilizing the operational procedures such as enhanced power line settings or a Public Safety Power Shutoff in wildfire-prone areas.

The Company will initiate the process to provide the PBG Service after it has received the Customer’s signed Waiver and Release Agreement in the form set forth in Attachment “A” of this schedule.


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SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

All operation maintenance, repair or replacement for the Portable Battery will be the responsibility of the Customer. The Company will not perform any operation maintenance, repair or replacement for the Portable Battery. The Customer accepts all liabilities related to the Portable Battery and releases the Company from all responsibility and liability related to the Portable Battery.

Portable Battery and related equipment are intended for temporary operation of medical device equipment only. The Company will provide customer education on Portable Battery usage and maintenance, but the Company is not responsible for actual Portable Battery use and performance.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: Availability of the PBG Service is subject to the availability of funding. Sources of funding may include, but are not limited to, Schedule 141WFP, general rates, awarded government funding or other sources.


GENERAL RULES AND PROVISIONS: Service under this schedule is subject to the General Rules and Provisions in this tariff 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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