

October 27, 2023

Kathy Hunter, Acting Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Regarding: Docket Number: [Docket UE-230827](#)

Dear Ms. Hunter,

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) tariff filings for the Residential Battery Energy Storage System Services (Schedule 611) and the Purchases from Distributed Solar Photovoltaic Systems (Schedule 667).

I reside in the City of Langley, on Whidbey Island, located at the proverbial "end of a very long extension cord." As a member of the City's Climate Crisis Action Committee, I am committed to transitioning our City and residents off of fossil fuels and onto clean electricity. In this process, we face reluctance from residents who depend on fossil generators and stoves when the power goes out, as it does all too frequently. I am eager to see programs that reduce barriers for customer owned solar and battery systems, providing a clean source of backup power.

The Residential Battery Energy Storage System Services tariff is a step in the right direction. We know that residents (and businesses – a future tariff?) are eager to have battery back up and want to support the build out of a clean renewable grid. Implementation of the tariff will require clear explanation of how PSE will tap the battery (how deep, how often) so that customers can evaluate costs and benefits of this offering.

I appreciate the additional financial assistance these tariffs provide to customers from historically disenfranchised communities and the community-based organizations, tribal entities and government agencies who serve them. As we pay rising rates for electricity, we expect no less than programs such as these that build an equitable, safe, clean and reliable energy system.

I support PSE's efforts to transition to a cleaner energy future along with more energy reliability. Approving these tariffs is an important next step in this process.

I appreciate the opportunity to support PSE's proposed filings and look forward to working with them to speed up the adoption of solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage systems on Whidbey Island.

Sincerely,

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PSE electric customer