

KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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UE-220294

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Edward E. Wolfe DISTRICT 3 Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Regarding: Docket Number 220294

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

COMMISSION

The Kitsap County Board of Commissioners is pleased to offer this letter of support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) tariff filings for Fleet and Commercial, Residential Multi-Family, Load Management and Education and Outreach programs to advance transportation electrification in our region. These programs are essential to facilitating and accelerating meaningful reduction in carbon emissions from Washington's transportation sector. All communities stand to benefit from PSE's programs in the form of greater access to electric mobility, cleaner air, and the conveniences of advanced technology.

Kitsap County is experiencing rapid growth in population, as well as electric vehicle use. We are looking at codes to encourage electric vehicles purchases for our citizens as well as government agencies. PSE's Fleet & Commercial program will address the immediate needs of the growing number of fleet owners and businesses that are pursuing electrification of their fleet vehicles in a rapidly evolving market. The program will empower businesses and organizations in Kitsap County by offering fleet advisory services, turnkey infrastructure incentives, and charger incentives to offset the costs of the transition to an electric fleet.

The EV charging solutions provided by PSE's expanded Residential Multi-Family program will meet the charging needs of EV drivers living outside single-family housing while also improving marketability for property owners and managers. The program will fill the gaps in serving tribes and for low-income housing providers who may need more assistance to access electrified transportation.

Kitsap County recognizes the importance of ensuring equitable access to transportation electrification and its benefits. PSE's programs not only provide incentives for electrification, but also offer education and technical assistance to address the range of barriers to equitable access. We support their efforts to address the establishment of charging infrastructure and to further advance EV adoption. Approving PSE's program tariffs are a tangible next step toward realizing an electrified transportation future. We appreciate the opportunity to support PSE's proposals and look forward to working with them to accelerate EV and charging adoption.

Sincerely,

Edward E. Wolfe

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Commissioner, District 2

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