June 14, 2021

Mark L. Johnson
UTC Executive Director and Secretary
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Regarding: Docket Number 210191

Dear Mark:

I am writing to express my support for Puget Sound Energy’s (PSE) proposed Transportation Electrification plan.

While I am not familiar with what is allowed under UTC rules versus what PSE is proposing, in concept, I do believe it is important to provide PSE with an opportunity to invest in electrifying our transportation system.

Tumwater, along with other Thurston County jurisdictions, recently adopted the Thurston Climate Action Plan. A key element of that plan is reducing our reliance on fossil fuels by changing our transportation system from hydrocarbon fuel-based to electric vehicles and greening our electrical grid. PSE plays a critical role in making this happen.

We have been experimenting with electric vehicles in the City’s fleet and expect to continue to change out our vehicles as technology becomes available. The key to making this work for us and our community is having convenient vehicle charging locations and a grid to support this throughout our community. Having the ability to work with PSE and for PSE to provide financial support to help us make this transition will be key to our success.

For these reasons, we urge your approval to authorize PSE to move forward in this regard. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Pete Kmet, Mayor
City of Tumwater

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