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Regarding: Docket Number 210191

Dear Mr. Johnson:

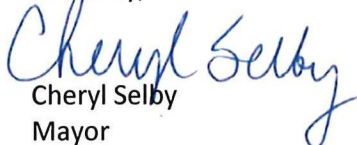
The City of Olympia is pleased to offer this letter of support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) proposed Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan. We believe electrifying transportation is an important strategy to reduce carbon emissions in our community and support statewide efforts to avoid the worst effects of climate change. The TE Plan supports our city and community goals to grow a more sustainable, equitable, resilient, and healthy clean energy economy.

In February 2021, the City of Olympia accepted the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan as our regional framework for substantially reducing local greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to improving the efficiency of the transportation system and creating denser urban neighborhoods to reduce the amount that people need to drive, increasing the adoption of electric vehicles is identified as a key strategy to reduce transportation related emissions. This includes reducing existing technical and economic barriers to local EV adoption and working to electrify our municipal fleet, which includes more than 280 vehicles and pieces of equipment. Olympia has already partnered with PSE to host a Workplace Up & Go Electric charging station and we look forward to participating in future PSE programs that support the adoption of electric vehicles.

While Olympia works to increase electric vehicle adoption within city operations and across the community, it is vital that PSE provide its customers with a grid that is reliable, resilient, safe, and modernized to efficiently respond to the charging transportation industry. PSE's TE plan provides a roadmap for their teams to develop and implement programs and services that support electric vehicle charging and the corresponding utility infrastructure to support increased electrical loads. The TE plan also directs PSE teams to address gaps in charging infrastructure – a critical barrier to transportation electrification for both residential and commercial uses.

We appreciate the opportunity to support PSE's TE Plan and look forward to working with PSE to incorporate electric vehicles in our own fleet, as well as address barriers to electric vehicle adoption across our community.

Sincerely,

  
Cheryl Selby  
Mayor