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RE: Docket Number 220294

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

As an elected leader representing the 2.3 million residents of King County, many who are Puget Sound Energy (PSE) customers, I offer this letter of support for PSE's tariff filings for Fleet and Commercial, Residential Multi-Family, Load Management, and Education and Outreach programs to advance transportation electrification in our region.

Confronting climate change and accelerating the transition to a clean energy economy are top priorities for King County. In King County's Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP), a five-year blueprint for County climate action, we have set ambitious targets to reduce emissions by half by 2030, lead with climate justice, and prepare for the impacts of climate change. This requires the cooperation of King County cities, partners, communities, residents, and utilities.

Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gases in King County and Washington State. It is essential that we, collectively, work with urgency to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector. In King County, we are making investments to electrify our bus fleet by 2035, convert to electric light-duty vehicles for our non-revenue fleet, and pilot an electric heavy-duty Class 8 truck for our Solid Waste operations later this year. PSE has worked closely with King County teams as a partner to advance our electrification initiatives, and I appreciate its continued support for Fleet electrification so that government and corporate fleets can accelerate the transition to clean transportation.

As vehicle electrification becomes more widespread, it is essential that load management be integrated into the charging infrastructure in order to avoid unnecessary costs and emissions from peak capacity needs. I support PSE's proposed incentives for load management and

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encourage continued innovation on load management strategies to respond to increased transportation-related demand.

As we transition to an electric transportation system, it is crucial that vulnerable and underserved communities have access to the benefits of change. I support PSE's efforts to lower barriers by developing a tariff to incent the installation of charging equipment at multi-family housing and to offer an equity-focused incentive for the purchase of EVs.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on this docket. I appreciate PSE's investment in developing these programs that will provide the benefit of cleaner air to King County residents. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel Brombaugh, King County Director of Climate and Energy Initiatives, at 206-263-9633.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dow Constantine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dow Constantine
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