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Mr. Mark L. Johnson  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
1300 S Evergreen Park Dr. SE  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Regarding: Docket Number 210191

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA), I'm writing to express our support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE's) proposed Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan. As a PSE customer seeking to increase our capacity to charge electric buses, we have a strong interest in PSE's ability to provide sustainable, equitable, and resilient green energy.

As a public transportation provider, we have a significant opportunity to reduce emissions by converting diesel buses to electric buses. The source of electric power is an important factor in this equation. For this reason, we appreciate the TE's support for PSE's Beyond Net Zero Carbon goals, which target reducing their own carbon emissions to net zero.

As we assess our ability and plans to incorporate electric vehicles into our operations, it is vital that PSE provide its customers with a grid that is reliable, resilient, safe, and modernized. We are also closely watching "demand charges," and seeking opportunities for off-peak charging, to reduce demand on the electric grid. PSE's TE Plan is a roadmap for developing and implementing programs and services that support electric vehicle charging and the corresponding utility infrastructure to support increased loads.

We appreciate the opportunity to support PSE's TE Plan and look forward to working with them to incorporate electric vehicles in our own fleet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Les Reardanz".

Les Reardanz  
General Manager