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

Regarding: Docket Number 210191

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The City of Lacey is pleased to offer this letter of support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) proposed Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan.

As one of the first communities in Washington State and the nation to be recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a "Green Power Community," the City firmly believes that electrifying transportation is a vital way to reduce carbon emissions as across the state and help the City, as a PSE customer, reduce its operating costs through lower fuel and maintenance expenditures for our vehicles. The City's current municipal fleet is comprised of nearly 200 vehicles from various departments, including law enforcement, public works, parks and recreation, and utilities.

The TE Plan supports our business and community goals to grow a more sustainable, equitable, resilient, and healthy clean energy economy. Additionally, this plan supports PSE's Beyond Net Zero Carbon goals, which target reducing PSE's carbon emissions to net zero and help other sectors to enable carbon reduction across Washington State by 2045.

While the City assesses 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 to efficiently respond to the changing transportation industry. The TE Plan serves as a roadmap for PSE's teams to develop and implement 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 in the future as we work to develop our own electric vehicle fleet.

Sincerely,

Andy Ryder, Mayor

cc: Lacey City Council

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Scott Spence, Lacey City Manager