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ATTENTION: Jeff Killip

Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Cover Letter for the Petition of ConnectDER to Establish a Statewide Process for Meter Socket Adapter Model Approval

ConnectDER hereby submits this Petition for Rulemaking on the topic of Meter Socket Adapter processes in the state of Washington. Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 34.05.330, ConnectDER hereby requests that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") commence a rulemaking and, following a public comment period, establish a statewide process for customer-owned meter socket adapter (MSA) models to be approved for the purpose of facilitating the deployment of distributed energy resources (DERs).

The recommended language for consideration is adapted from language adopted in other states. This language creates a defined process for MSA approvals that incorporates minimum safety standards, sets timelines for utilities to follow, and identifies the parties involved in the approval process. This rule would create clarity for utilities, MSA manufacturers, solar installers, and residential customers and allow more consistent access to beneficial cost-effective technologies.

Sincerely,

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