

July 13, 2021

Mark L. Johnson
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Regarding: Docket Number 210191

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Northwest Environmental Business Council (NEBC) is pleased to offer this letter of support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) proposed Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan. We believe that electrifying transportation is a vital way to reduce carbon emissions in Washington State.

The TE Plan supports NEBC's 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 their own carbon emissions to net zero and go beyond by helping other sectors to enable carbon reduction across Washington state by 2045.

NEBC is a non-profit trade association that represents the interests of its members, while promoting the health of the environmental industry and the environment as a whole. Formed as a regional organization in 1996, NEBC is recognized as the voice of the environmental industry – advocating for science-based regulation, supportive policies and tax structures, the dissemination of knowledge, and the adoption of best practices.

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. PSE's TE Plan is 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 loads. Within the TE Plan, PSE will also support and enable market transformation; address charging infrastructure gaps; prepare for planning and managing electric loads; and plan for furthering energy equity and inclusion including those in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to supports PSE's TE Plan and look forward to working with them to reach Washington State's carbon reduction goals.

Sincerely,



J Gregg Mindt
Executive Director
Northwest Environmental Business Council

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