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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Regarding: Docket Number: UE-230287

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

King County Library System (KCLS) is pleased to offer this letter of support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) tariff filings for Public Charging, and Workplace Charging; as well as Alternative Technology Demonstration pilots to advance transportation electrification in our region.

These programs are essential to facilitating and accelerating meaningful reduction in carbon emissions from Washington's transportation sector. All communities stand to benefit from PSE's programs in the form of greater access to electric mobility, cleaner air and the conveniences of advanced technology.

KCLS values stewardship as our responsible, effective and transparent cultivation and management of economic, physical and human resources to provide the highest possible value to the communities we serve.

KCLS is particularly excited about PSE's planned expansion of access to electric vehicle (EV) charging for our library users and staff. With 50 community library locations throughout King County KCLS is poised to serve as a convenient EV charging partner to align federal, state and local efforts to reduce greenhouse gasses associated with internal combustion automobiles.

The EV charging solutions provided by PSE's expanded Public Charging program will help meet the charging needs of EV drivers living, working, and visiting businesses in our communities, while also helping our communities meet their own clean energy goals. The program supports curbside charging installations, makes space for customers interested in multi-purpose charging stations (e.g. fleet, public and workplace), and supports diverse charging installation siting, such as at our community library locations.



The Workplace Charging solutions offered by PSE will help us meet our clean energy goals and provide our employees with expanded charging access through installation and maintenance incentives.

These programs build on state and federal funding and tax incentives to ensure communities like ours benefit from every opportunity to reduce upfront costs. We believe it's important to ensure equitable access to transportation electrification and its benefits. PSE's programs will not only provide robust financial incentives for historically underserved communities, but also address barriers to equitable access through enhanced educational and technical assistance.

King County Library System supports PSE's efforts to address the urgency of establishing charging infrastructure and to further advance EV adoption. Approving PSE's Single Family, Workplace, Public and Alternative Technology Demonstrations tariffs are an important next step toward realizing a clean mobility future for all.

We appreciate the opportunity to support PSE's proposed filings and look forward to working with them to accelerate the adoption of transportation electrification in Washington.

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Sincerely,

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**Executive Director** 

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