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Mr. King:

I would not only like to express my support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) petition to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for an order declaring that PSE may grant a license to the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, or other entities, to allow the use of PSE's transmission corridors for public recreation purposes, I implore you to do so.

The Interurban Trail has been used for walking, biking and jogging by Kent residents for decades and is an irreplaceable recreational asset for the city. The most recent 2016 City of Kent Health Report, completed by Seattle and King County Health Department, indicated that of the 26 areas within King County, the City of Kent ranks 7<sup>th</sup> worst healthiest in most sections. Mobility corridors like the Interurban Trail gives Kent residents an affordable and accessible opportunity to combat serious health issues, including rising rates of chronic disease, an increased prevalence of sedentary lifestyles and poor nutrition habits. In addition, this important regional trail connects people to Tukwila at our northern border, Auburn at our southern border, and the accesso Showare Center, Kent's downtown core, and the Green River Trail in between, all with similar health and connectivity concerns.

PSE's request recognizes the value in the benefits above and I applaud them for their support of these critical regional outcomes. The Interurban Trail is already being used by the public for recreation, we ask for your support to allow this practice to continue and to support these outcomes as well. The original use agreement was signed between PSE and King County in 1977 and expired in 2002. This filing allows PSE to formalize, once again, a long existing use of PSE's transmission corridor.

Allowing PSE to renew the use agreement with King County will ensure that the Interurban Trail continues to provide a huge public benefit to not only the residents of Kent but the entire region now and in the decades to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Ralph". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dana" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ralph".

Dana Ralph  
Mayor of Kent