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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Artisan Electric Inc. is pleased to offer this letter of support for Puget Sound Energy's Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan. Artisan believes that transportation electrification is already happening at a quicker pace than predicted and is growing exponentially. The electrification of the transportation sector is the only way to reduce carbon emissions to state-mandated levels. Artisan Electric, a PSE customer and solar installer, plans to take full advantage of TE as a means to further our company mission as well as save on operating costs. PSE's TE Plan supports Artisan's business goal to accelerate the clean energy economy

Artisan Electric Inc. is an IBEW Local 46 electrical contractor specializing in solar PV design and installation. We are heavily involved in EV charging station installations, both for homes and businesses. Our company fleet already includes three electric vehicles, and that number will grow once service vehicles become electrified. Our need for more charging stations in the PSE service area is growing quickly. Bidirectional EV-to-Grid charging for resiliency and demand-response is already here, and we need PSE pilot programs pushing this technology. Vashon Island has the highest EV adoption rate per capita in Washington, yet we only have three public charging stations for the island, and no large scale solar or battery storage projects. Vashon could benefit from an EV-to-grid and public charging pilot program.

While Artisan Electric 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 modernized for renewables and EVs. 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. It should also include storage projects and demand-response capabilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to support PSE's TE Plan and look forward to working with them to incorporate electric vehicles in our own fleet.

Sincerely,

Evan Leonard

Vice President

Artisan Electric Inc.