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Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

RE: Docket UE-231031 (Advice No. 2023-60) Puget Sound Energy's Electric Tariff Revision

As a PSE customer, I fully endorse PSE's official request for a temporary extension of the existing net metering rate. This extension is crucial to provide PSE with the extra time needed to work with the solar industry and other involved parties in conducting a comprehensive and impartial study, aimed at establishing a just and balanced rate for solar energy generated through net metering. The goal of the study is to ensure that any future rate benefits all PSE customers, regardless of whether they have solar panels or not, while also maintaining transparency for those customers who are contemplating adopting solar energy until a new rate is determine.

Clean energy plays a crucial role in combating climate change, and net metered solar power is a vital component of broader efforts to promote clean energy. It is commendable that PSE recognizes this and is committed to collaborating with the solar industry, other utilities, and legislators who share the belief that a value of solar study conducted by the Washington State Academy of Sciences is the best approach to establish a fair and unbiased alternative to the current net metering tariff. Their forward-thinking approach, which aims to ensure fairness and equality for all customers, deserves your support.

I would also like point out that RCW80.60 sets a minimum requirement for net metering and not a maximum limit. Which means PSE is not obligated to revise the net metering tariff at present or in the future. However, PSE is acting responsibly by publicly stating their commitment to maintain net metering for a minimum of two years. This ensures that consumers have accurate information to make crucial investment decisions and are safeguarded against any deceptive entities that may try to exploit ambiguity.

Approving the request from PSE will not only protect consumers but also showcase the UTC's unbiased approach in assessing utility tariffs and their dedication to ensuring equitable rates for every resident of Washington state. As such, I kindly ask that you approve this filing.

Respectfully,

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