BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

DOCKET NO. UE-210795

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

2021 Clean Energy Implementation Plan

FRONT AND CENTERED'S REQUEST FOR CASE CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST FUNDING GRANT

- 1. Pursuant to Order 01 issued by the Washington Utilities and Transportation
 Commission ("Commission") in Docket U-210595, RCW 80.28.430, and the Washington
 Interim Participatory Funding Agreement ("Interim Funding Agreement"), Front and Centered hereby submits this Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant in this docket.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Interim Funding Agreement, Front and Centered provides this Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant from the Prioritized Organizations Sub-Fund of the Customer Access Fund for Puget Sound Energy (PSE). This Notice and Request is being filed and served on the parties of record.
- 3. PSE is designated as a "Participating Public Utility" in Article 1(g) of the Funding Agreement. This docket concerning PSE's CEIP constitutes an "Eligible Proceeding" under Article 1(c). PSE's CEIP will materially affect the public interest and the proposed clean energy and equity plan and specific actions will directly impact the most vulnerable customers.
- 4. Front and Centered requests case-certification in this matter as a Prioritized Organization pursuant to section 5.2.2 and 6.2 of the Funding Agreement. Front and Centered meets the criteria for this designation. Front and Centered is a non-profit organization structured as a climate justice coalition of over seventy organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other communities of color in Washington. BIPOC, frontline, and low-income

people experience the harmful impacts of the climate crisis and deeply embedded inequities in systems of power at a disproportionally higher rate than White and higher wealth people.

- 5. The Legislature, the Commission, and key public and private stakeholders agree that it is necessary as a matter of equity to increase transparency, inclusion, and the participation of highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations in processes that will substantially impact their lives. The interest of these communities in equitable access to affordable, reliable, and just energy, and their right to be protected from the harms and burdens of an extractive energy system in transition, are critical concerns that Front and Centered is prepared and competent to elevate in this proceeding.
- 6. Front and Centered is aware of the proceeding schedule as laid out in Order 04, and its participation will cause no undue delay.
- 7. For the foregoing reasons, Front and Centered respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Request for Case Certification and accept its Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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