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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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STATE OF WASH.
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RE: Avista's Transportation Electrification Plan

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to you today to formally state our support for Avista's Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan. The City of Spokane and Avista Utilities have had many partnerships over the years and always with the intent to make our community stronger and more resilient. We see this TE plan more as a regional transportation plan rather than simply belonging to one party, and we hope that the UTC will lend its support as well.

Electrifying the transportation sector is a vital step for Spokane in accomplishing both our greenhouse gas reduction targets as well as our 100% renewable energy goals. By partnering with Avista in this endeavor, we will be able to leverage City resources to make important infrastructure investments that are required to promote the adoption of electric transportation.

In light of the COVID-19 emergency response, it may not feel like the ideal time to consider transportation and energy policy. However, if this pandemic has taught us anything, it is the importance of being prepared for a future than looks different than what we are experiencing today. The decisions we make today, will impact the success of our community's collective health and wellbeing into the future. By partnering with Avista and supporting their Transportation Electrification plan, we ensure innovative new technology and renewable energy plays an important part of our economic development in Spokane, and a clean, safe, healthy world exists for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Breean Beggs".

Breean Beggs, City Council President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Candace Mumm".

Candace Mumm, City Council Member