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Regarding: Docket Number 210191

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Port of Bellingham is pleased to offer this letter of support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) proposed Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan. We believe that electrifying transportation is a vital way to reduce carbon emissions in Washington and help the Port, as a PSE customer, reduce our operating costs through lower fuel and maintenance expenditures for our vehicles.

The TE Plan supports business and community goals to grow a more sustainable, equitable, resilient, and healthy clean energy economy. Additionally, this plan supports PSE's Beyond Net Zero Carbon goals, which target reducing their own carbon emissions to net zero and go beyond by helping other sectors to enable carbon reduction across Washington State by 2045.

The Port's mission statement is to promote sustainable economic development, optimize transportation gateways, and manage publicly owned land and facilities to benefit Whatcom County.

The Port works to be a valuable public organization with a reputation for delivering on its commitments, working in an open, decisive atmosphere, taking pride in its work, and communicating its contributions to the community.

The Port places a premium on providing superior customer service and being responsive to changing market conditions with its business activities.

The Port demonstrates statesmanship and leadership in difficult public policy issues. Public involvement is highly regarded, and the Port incorporates varied views while making difficult decisions in a complex environment.

The Port strives for a diversified, professional workforce. Emphasis is placed on developing the full potential of all employees.

The Port employs its expertise and leadership ability in state and federal port industry activities and issues.

The Port pledges to work cooperatively with other entities, within the framework of community standards, and to be a responsible trustee of our publicly owned assets.



The Port added six new vehicle-charging stations in Fairhaven and downtown Bellingham this year for increased convenience to EV owners in Whatcom County and visitors traveling through the Port's transportation terminals. The Port now has EV charging stations at all major public transportation terminals in Whatcom County and will continue to look for opportunities to expand its charging infrastructure to meet the growing demand from EV owners. PSE public charging stations and workplace and multifamily charging stations will help the Port meet the essential transportation needs of Whatcom County.

While the Port 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 reliable, resilient, safe, and modernized to efficiently respond to the changing transportation industry. 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. Within the TE Plan, PSE supports the growing demand for electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, addresses charging infrastructure gaps and helps enable a market transformation to reduce the negative impacts of global climate change.

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

Sincerely,

Rob Fix
Executive Director
Port of Bellingham