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Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re:

Interurban Trail Corridor Docket # U-180068

Dear UTC Board:

As the Mayor of the City Of Pacific, my constituents and I strongly support the renewal of the use agreement between Puget Sound Energy and King County for the Interurban Trail (IUT). The IUT is a critical element of the transportation infrastructure for South King County cities as well as Seattle and beyond. The City of Pacific is currently working on extending the IUT from the terminus on 3rd Avenue SW in Pacific to the White River bridge in Sumner. This extension will provide the missing link that will connect the IUT with the Pierce County trail network.

PSE's request of the UTC is reasonable, as people are already enjoying the trail, resulting in a healthier community. Cooperation related to these lands is critical to meeting the broader regional needs related to transportation and recreation.

The Interurban Trail Agreement only formalizes the existing practice of trail use and in actuality does not change anything related to its use. I cannot stress enough the value of the Interurban Trial to South King County residents and the surrounding communities. I appreciate your interest in renewal of the agreement that authorizes this long-term use.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at lguier@ci.pacific.wa.us or (253) 929-1108.

Respectfully,

CITY OF PACIFIC

Leanne Guier, Mayor