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Kathy Hunter, Acting Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

RE: Docket UE-231031 Puget Sound Energy's Electric Tariff Revision

Dear Kathy Hunter,

I am writing today on behalf of Sun Path Electric, a small, family-run solar company located in South Seattle that was founded to help our neighbors do what they can to fight climate change. My father, who has recently passed away, was a climate scientist, and I have been a climate activist and educator for well over a decade. I shifted careers five years ago so I could be part of the climate solution, and honestly running Sun Path Electric is my "climate therapy." Our very future is on the line, and we are not moving fast enough to protect future generations. Our clients are the people who give me a glimmer of hope. Every week, we help families install solar, heat pumps and electric car chargers and the majority of these families are doing this so they can do their small, but consequential, part to reduce their carbon emissions. These people are generally not wealthy folks, just middle-class citizens who want to do what they can to shift off fossil fuels. Without net metering, these folks could not afford to add solar. Solar is what offsets the heat pumps and electric vehicles and helps keep our grid stabilized.

Sun Path Electric supports:

1. Extending the current net metering tariff until at least December 25, 2025.
2. Funding an actual non-biased Value of Distributed Solar and Storage study.
3. PSE's efforts to collaborate with the solar industry and other stakeholders on this study. PSE has been collaborative, responsible and forward-looking.
4. The UTC to approve this tariff quickly.
5. The RCW 80.60 establishing a minimum net metering obligation, not a limit.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Best regards,

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