

July 26th, 2021

Mark L. Johnson
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Regarding: Docket Number 210191

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Hopelink 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 the state and help Hopelink, as a PSE customer, reduce our operating costs through lower fuel and maintenance expenditures for our vehicles.

The TE Plan supports our 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 carbon emissions to net zero and go beyond by helping other sectors enable carbon reduction across Washington state by 2045.

Hopelink is a Community Action Agency serving the community of King County, connecting community members to programs and services that support their needs and accompany them in the process of exiting poverty. The transportation services of Hopelink fall into three central departments: Direct Operations, Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Brokerage, and Mobility Management.

The Mobility Management team and PSE have worked together closely to support the TE project, especially as PSE has increased the goals of equitable access to EV options and infrastructure in King County. The Mobility Management team and our associated mobility coalitions are focused on elevating and expanding mobility resources throughout that county so that all people may move freely and get to where they need to go. As the TE project represents an opportunity for increased choice and increased access for the community members we serve, Hopelink Mobility Management is optimistic for the success of PSE.

While Hopelink assesses our ability and plans to incorporate electric vehicles into our operations, PSE must provide its customers with a reliable, resilient, safe, equitably accessible, and modernized grid 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 also plans to further energy equity and inclusion, including low-income and disadvantaged communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to support PSE's TE Plan and look forward to working with them to incorporate electric vehicles into the mobility landscape of our region.

Sincerely,



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