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Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary  
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Dear Steven,

As Mayor of the City of Auburn, I strongly support the renewal of the use agreement between King County and Puget Sound Energy related to the Interurban Trail South. For generations, this trail linkage has enabled cyclists, walkers and runners (for both commuter and recreational purposes) to connect to other South King County cities, as well as Seattle and beyond.

Cooperation related to these lands is critical to meeting the broader regional needs related to transportation and recreation. Puget Sound Energy's request of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is reasonable, as people are already enjoying the trail, resulting in a healthier community. The trail also serves to reduce vehicular travel as many use the trail to commute to work.

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

Sincerely,

*Nancy Backus*  
Nancy Backus  
Mayor

cc:

Julien Loh, Local Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager, Puget Sound Energy