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Kathy Hunter, Acting Executive Director and Secretary
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RE: Docket UE-231031 Puget Sound Energy's Electric Tariff Revision

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for extending the current solar net metering tariff. If WA State is to meet the goals laid out in the 2019 Clean Energy Transformation Act, we are going to need to ramp up solar penetration in all sectors of the economy, which very much includes consumer/residential solar. California's NEM 3.0 initiative has shown us what will happen to the WA State solar economy if net metering policies are made less favorable for the consumer. I cannot stress enough how important this policy is to a strong solar future for WA. Retail net metering is a simple and effective incentive for consumer, and it should remain in place.

If a change to the net metering policy is considered, such change should only be adopted after conducting a thorough Value of Distributed Solar and Storage study, which is the most effective method for establishing a just and impartial replacement for the existing net metering tariff. It is my understanding that significant progress has been made in securing the funding necessary for a study to be conducted by the Washington State Academy of Sciences. Until such a study is completed, the current net metering structure should remain in place.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul Dickerson
Owner, Whidbey Sun & Wind