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

Dear Kathy Hunter,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for the extension of the current net metering tariff until at least December 25, 2025, and to implore your assistance in preventing the enactment of the proposed new solar tariff law.

It is encouraging to note that PSE is actively collaborating with the solar industry and other stakeholders to address the impending changes. Recognizing the widespread endorsement from multiple utilities, stakeholders, and legislators, I advocate for the necessity of conducting a comprehensive Value of Distributed Solar and Storage study. This method is widely acknowledged as the most effective approach to establish a fair and unbiased replacement for the existing net metering tariff.

Crucially, significant strides have been made in securing the required funding for the study, which is slated to be conducted by the Washington State Academy of Sciences. I emphasize the utmost importance of maintaining the current net-metered solar power structure until the study is concluded. This is imperative to prevent any adverse effects on consumers and to ensure the seamless operation of local solar companies and their associated industries until a new rate system is successfully implemented.

It is crucial to note that RCW 80.60 establishes a minimum net metering obligation, not a limit. PSE has exhibited responsible, cooperative, and forward-looking behavior in its pursuit of an optimal replacement tariff that addresses concerns about fairness and equity.

In light of these considerations, I urge the UTC to swiftly approve the tariff request. Time is of the essence, and your prompt action is essential to safeguard the interests of consumers and the continued success of the local solar industry.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will play a pivotal role in preventing the implementation of the proposed solar tariff law.

Thank you,

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