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Mark L. Johnson  
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Regarding: Docket Number 210191

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Sustainable Connections 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 the businesses we support in their efforts to reduce energy use to reduce their operating costs through lower fuel and maintenance expenditures for 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 own carbon emissions to net zero and go beyond by helping other sectors to enable carbon reduction across Washington State by 2045.

Sustainable Connections is a non-profit located in Bellingham, Washington, that connects and supports local businesses to create thriving communities. Our Energy Efficiency and Renewables Program works with local business owners to help them reduce their energy use. The Transportation Electrification Plan would be invaluable in providing support to businesses wishing to adopt electric fleets and provide EV charging.

While Sustainable Connections assesses our ability and plans to incorporate electric vehicle support into our offerings for local businesses, it is vital that PSE provide its customers with a grid that is reliable, resilient, safe, and modernized 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. We are glad to see the inclusion of a Fleet and Commercial pilot program, as well as provisions to make adoption of EVs and infrastructure more accessible to low-income and marginalized communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to support PSE's TE Plan and look forward to assisting our business participants in widespread adoption of electric vehicles and charging facilities as PSE helps make these more accessible.

Sincerely,

Emily Kubiak  
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