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RE: Relating to the Rules for Integrated Resource Planning, Clean Energy Implementation Planning and Compliance with the Clean Energy Transformation Act, Dockets UE-191023 and UE-190698
Comments by Christine Grant

Dear Mr. Johnson:

My name is Christine Grant. Although I am submitting this comment as a private citizen, I also wear a few other hats. I am a former member of the City of Bellingham's Climate Action Task Force, I teach energy policy at Western Washington University, and I am Commissioner-Elect at the Whatcom County Public Utility District. My most important job is being the mother to a 4 year old, and protecting the stability of our climate for my daughter's generation is something I care deeply about.

I am not alone. Many people in Whatcom County are worried about climate change and are ready for meaningful change.

As local governments in PSE's service territory, like the City of Bellingham, work to respond to citizen demands for strong climate action, including the push to electrify our transportation and building stock with clean energy, we need a cooperative electric utility partner.

I appreciate that the proposed rules set out how Puget Sound Energy must plan, take action, and be held accountable to the 100% clean law. Specifically, I am glad to have rules around Clean Energy Implementation Plans that will give local governments and stakeholders an opportunity to advocate for better demand response programs, on-bill financing options, and investments in local renewable energy projects, so that the clean energy transformation creates good local jobs in the regions where PSE operates and generates revenue.

I appreciate all the hard work that has gone into this rulemaking from all parties involved. I hope that we can move forward with the implementation of the 100% clean law with a spirit of cooperation as we work to tackle this very complex and challenging problem.

Sincerely,

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