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Hello Jeff,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my full support for the request to extend the current net metering tariff until at least December 25, 2025, as outlined in Docket UE-231031 regarding Puget Sound Energy's Electric Tariff Revision.

It is heartening to learn that PSE is actively collaborating with the solar industry and other stakeholders in the pursuit of a sustainable and equitable energy framework. The consensus among multiple utilities, stakeholders, and legislators regarding the necessity of conducting a comprehensive Value of Distributed Solar and Storage study is commendable. Such a study is crucial for establishing a just and impartial replacement for the existing net metering tariff.

I am pleased to note the significant progress made in securing the funding required for the study, which is slated to be conducted by the Washington State Academy of Sciences. This initiative reflects a proactive approach in addressing the evolving landscape of solar power and storage.

In consideration of the potential impact on consumers and the continuous operation of local solar companies and associated industries, it is of utmost importance that the current structure for net-metered solar power remains unaltered until the study is concluded. This precautionary measure is essential to prevent any adverse effects and ensure a seamless transition to a new rate system when implemented.

Furthermore, it is crucial to recognize that RCW 80.60 establishes a minimum net metering obligation, not a limit. This distinction emphasizes the need for a flexible and adaptive approach to meet the evolving needs of the energy sector.

Puget Sound Energy has demonstrated responsible, cooperative, and forward-looking behavior in its efforts to identify an optimal replacement tariff that considers concerns about fairness and equity. I am confident that the company will continue to uphold these principles throughout the process.

In light of the aforementioned points, I urge the UTC to approve the tariff request promptly. The timely approval of this request is essential to maintaining stability within the industry and ensuring a smooth transition to a new tariff structure.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I appreciate the dedication of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to the welfare of both consumers and the energy industry.

Thank you,

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