



King County

July 30, 2021

Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Re: UE-210191

Dear Mr. Johnson:

King County would like to voice its support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) proposed Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan. Solving climate change is a priority for King County, outlined by goals in our Strategic Climate Action Plan to reduce countywide emissions by half by 2030 and by 80 percent by 2050. Transportation related emissions are the largest source of climate pollution in King County, and vehicle electrification is one of the solutions to reduce emissions in this sector, as well as development of trails for biking, walking, and rolling, investment in transit, and land use policies to develop vibrant urban centers well connected by trails and transit.

King County operates a fleet of 1500 buses, a considerable non-bus transit fleet including more than 1600 rideshare vehicles as well as Access paratransit vehicles and a large fleet of light, medium, and heavy-duty vehicles used to provide services to residents. We appreciate PSE's focus on commercial vehicles and fleets in the Transportation Electrification plan. Program goals such as addressing charging infrastructure gaps and planning and managing electric loads will support our fleet electrification goals. We appreciate pilot opportunities such as the Up & Go program and would like to see continued and expanded efforts to support infrastructure development, both for King County internal fleet and more public facing fleets such as our commuter vans. The TE plan supports Strategic Climate Action Plan goals to electrify our bus fleet by 2035 and our fleet by 2030.

At the countywide scale, we encourage charging that aligns with our commitment to prioritize equitable access to shared-use mobility. Community-led engagement with frontline communities should continue to be prioritized as PSE builds out its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion products to ensure that they will fit the needs of the specific communities. We also seek opportunities to engage and support pilots and other initiatives for equitable shared mobility throughout the region and ask that PSE consider us a partner in these efforts.

We would like to see PSE to continue investigation into and consideration of "time varying rates" and other technologies to manage charging so as to limit the need for peak resources. PSE has an

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opportunity, with alternative rate design and load management systems, to mitigate the impacts of widespread electric vehicle adoption to costumers and the distribution network.

King County appreciates the opportunity to comment in support of PSE's Transportation Electrification plan. We are excited about the vision of electric mobility. The electrification of the transportation sector, in combination with other measures to reduce the need for single occupancy vehicle trips, is an important component to meet our countywide emission reduction goals.

Sincerely,

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