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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Regarding: Docket Number UE-220294

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Oak Harbor Public Schools is pleased to offer this letter of support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) tariff filings for Fleet and Commercial, Residential Multi-Family, Load Management and Education and Outreach programs to advance transportation electrification in our region. These programs are essential to facilitating and accelerating meaningful reduction in carbon emissions from Washington's transportation sector. All communities stand to benefit from PSE's programs in the form of greater access to electric mobility, cleaner air, and the conveniences of advanced technology.

We are a public school entity with one Electric School Bus and a dual charging station.

o PSE's Work Place Charging Pilot

PSE's Fleet & Commercial program will address the immediate needs of the growing number of fleet owners and businesses that are pursuing electrification of their fleet vehicles in a rapidly evolving market. The program will empower businesses and organizations like ours by offering fleet advisory services, turnkey infrastructure incentives, and charger incentives to offset the costs of the transition to an electric fleet. The incentive offers and flexible ownership structure built into the program will help alleviate barriers to fleet electrification.

To help mitigate potential negative impacts of these new electric loads on PSE's distribution system, **Oak Harbor Public Schools** believes that the Load Management program will encourage charging outside of peak time periods, while also providing us with the flexibility to modify charging decisions best support our operations if necessary.

Oak Harbor Public Schools affirms the importance of ensuring equitable access to transportation electrification and its benefits. PSE's programs will not only provide robust financial incentives for highly impacted communities, vulnerable populations, and the community based organizations, government agencies and tribal entities that serve them, but also offer education and technical assistance to address the range of barriers to equitable access.

Oak Harbor Public Schools supports PSE's efforts to address the urgency of establishing charging infrastructure and to further advance EV adoption. Approving PSE's Fleet & Commercial, Multi-Family Residential, Load Management, and Education and Outreach program tariffs are a tangible next step toward realizing an electrified transportation future.

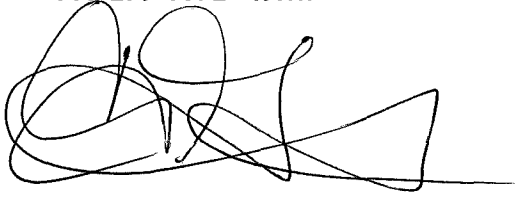
We appreciate the opportunity to support PSE's proposed filings and look forward to working with them to accelerate EV and charging adoption.

Sincerely,

Catherine Gutierrez
Oak Harbor Public Schools

Transportation Director

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