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Kathy Hunter, Acting Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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Dear Ms. Hunter,

Vashon HouseHold is pleased to offer this letter of support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) tariff filings for the Residential Battery Energy Storage System Services (Schedule 611) and the Purchases from Distributed Solar Photovoltaic Systems (Schedule 667). These Schedules offer new optional services to customers as part of PSE's Clean Energy Implementation Plan ("CEIP") and will accelerate the deployment of carbon free resources, reduce barriers for customer-owned solar and battery systems, and ensure historically disenfranchised communities can affordably access the benefits of a safe, clean and reliable energy system.

Vashon HouseHold is a non-profit affordable housing organization in Vashon, WA. We proudly provide 88 units of affordable rental housing and 38 single-family homes of affordable homeownership. We have 40 additional units of housing under construction. PSE is our local energy partner, and the programs below would offer our tenants a variety of green, affordable options.

Vashon HouseHold supports the Residential Battery Energy Storage System Services tariff as we believe it will give participating customers access to technology that enables greater energy reliability and resiliency, while also providing PSE a mechanism to manage peak energy demand. This will be accomplished by providing several types of incentives to customers when leveraging the energy stored within their battery systems.

Vashon HouseHold believes the Purchases from Distributed Solar Photovoltaic Systems tariff fills a need for mid-sized customers, beyond net metering and merchant generation, by providing financial compensation for any energy returned to the grid, addressing the financial barrier to owning solar, and allowing more customers to invest in clean energy and reduce their carbon footprint.

Lastly Vashon HouseHold appreciates the additional financial assistance these tariffs provide to customers from historically disenfranchised communities and the community-based organizations, tribal entities and government agencies who serve them. This will help ensure our communities can equitably access and install distributed energy systems.

Vashon HouseHold supports PSE's efforts to transition to a cleaner energy future along with more energy reliability. Approving these tariffs is an important next step in this process. We appreciate the opportunity to support PSE's proposed filings and look forward to working with them to speed up the adoption of solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage systems in Washington.

Sincerely,

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Jason Johnson, Executive Director Vashon HouseHold