

THE LION ELECTRIC COMPANY

Date: July 23, 2021

Mark L. Johnson
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Regarding: Docket Number 210191

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Introduction: The Lion Electric Company (Lion) is pleased to offer this letter of support for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) proposed Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan. We believe that electrifying transportation is a vital way to reduce carbon emissions in the state and help Lion, as a PSE customer, reduce our operating costs through lower fuel and maintenance expenditures for our vehicles.

The TE Plan supports our business and community goals to grow a more sustainable, equitable, resilient, and healthy clean energy economy. Additionally, this plan supports PSE's Beyond Net Zero Carbon goals, which target reducing their own carbon emissions to net zero and go beyond by helping other sectors to enable carbon reduction across Washington state by 2045.

Body: As you may know, Lion is a leading Original Equipment Manufacturer of all-electric vehicles, including zero-emission Type A, C and D school buses and zero-emission trucks and shuttle buses, with its biggest deployments in California. Today, there are currently over 300 Lion electric vehicles in operation in North America that have been operating every day safely for the last three years, with over six million miles of service provided.

It is because of programs like PSE'S Public Charging Pilot that Lion is able to deploy zero-emission vehicle to fleets that are making the step towards the change. With this opportunity, children are not inhaling diesel emission from their school bus four times a day, environmental justice communities have a better breathable air, and President Biden's electric-vehicle pledge is closer than it was a year before.

With this support, the greenhouse gas emissions in Washington can be reduced by 45%.

While Lion assesses our ability and plans to incorporate electric vehicles into operations, it is vital that PSE provide its customers with a grid that is reliable, resilient, safe, and modernized to efficiently respond to

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the changing transportation industry. PSE's TE Plan is a roadmap for their teams to develop and implement programs and services that support electric vehicle charging and the corresponding utility infrastructure to support increased loads. Within the TE Plan, PSE also prepares for planning and managing electric loads which is critical for private and public fleets to be able to grow the number of their all-electrical vehicles. It also plans for furthering energy equity and inclusion including those in low-income, thus improving the air quality and reducing risks of premature death and serious health.

Closing: We appreciate the opportunity to supports PSE's TE Plan and look forward to working with them to incorporate electric vehicles in our own fleet.

Sincerely,

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