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Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Sound Generations is pleased to offer this letter of support for Puget Sound Energy’s (PSE) tariff filings for Fleet and Commercial, residential multi-family charging program, load management and Education and Outreach programs to advance transportation electrification in our region. These programs are essential to facilitating and accelerating meaningful and equitable reduction in carbon emissions from Washington’s transportation sector.

Sound Generations is a non-profit organization that offers services for older adults and people with disabilities. We utilize vans for three of our programs: Minor Home Repair, Meals on Wheels and Hyde Shuttle. We are currently exploring electrifying our fleet. The proposed legislation will facilitate our doing so. While many of the people we serve do not own vehicles or have stopped driving, we are serving some clients who could benefit from the multi-family charging stations or their family member who often transport them could benefit.

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 EV 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.

The EVSE solutions provided by PSE’s expanded Residential Multi-Family charging program will meet the charging needs of EV drivers living outside single-family housing while also improving resident services for property owners and managers. The program is poised to fill technical and financial assistance gaps to help improve access to transportation electrification for low-income households and their housing providers.

To help mitigate potential negative impacts of these new electric loads on PSE’s distribution system, Sound Generations 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 to best support our operations if necessary.

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Sound Generations affirms the importance of ensuring equitable access to transportation electrification and its benefits. PSE's programs will not only provide critical and 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.

Sound Generations 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 that help further a more sustainable, equitable, resilient, and healthy clean energy economy.

Sincerely,

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