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Steven W. Hooper, Chairperson
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Sent via Registered Mail

RE: Opportunities for collaborative grid transformation

Dear Chairperson Hooper and Board Members,

On behalf of thousands of Washington residents represented by the undersigned coalition of environmental organizations, neighborhood associations, faith groups, indigenous people, technical advisors, and community leaders, we wish to express our strong support for transformation and modernization of our energy grid, as mandated by the recently passed Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act. This ground-breaking legislation requires investor owned utilities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and deploy modern technology to minimize harm to the environment.

Utilities in many states including New York, California, Arizona, Hawaii, and Vermont are already modernizing their electrical infrastructure. Washington's new bill incentivizes PSE to modernize its local and regional facilities to ensure that our energy grid will be ready to power a vigorous economy, provide safety and security for our growing population, and enable technology advancements such as automated electric vehicles and the 5G communications network. The future electric grid must be resilient to natural disasters while reducing impacts on the environment.

Considering the implications of Washington's clean energy bill on electrical planning, we respectfully ask the boards of PSE and Puget Energy to reconsider two proposed transmission projects known as "Energize Eastside" and the Lake Hills/Phantom Lake transmission line. Both are based on outdated projections and outmoded technology. Neither project has reached the construction phase. If built as proposed, they would destroy thousands of trees, cost ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars, and siphon funds from more effective modernization efforts.

In light of the considerable challenges and opportunities that lay ahead, the undersigned ask that members of PSE's leadership team meet with a small group of community representatives. Our goal is to find common ground and opportunities for cooperation. Working together with our elected officials, we can help identify and accelerate innovative projects that will energize our cities, protect our environment, control costs, and benefit communities and PSE.

Our representatives and experts are ready to meet in June and look forward to your response by the end of May via an email to don.m.marsh@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



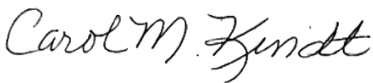
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Cc:

- Kimberly Harris, CEO, PSE
- Washington State Governor Jay Inslee
- Washington State Senate Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee
 - Senators Reuven Carlyle, Guy Palumbo, Doug Ericksen, Phil Fortunato, Tim Sheldon, Andy Billig, Sharon Brown, Mona Das, Steve Hobbs, Marko Lias, John McCoy, Joe Nguyen, Ann Rivers, Shelly Short, and Lisa Wellman
- Washington State House Environment & Energy Committee
 - Representatives Joe Fitzgibbon, Debra Lekanoff, Matt Shea, Mary Dye, Matt Boehnke, Richard DeBolt, Beth Doglio, Jake Fey, Jared Mead, Strom Peterson, and Sharon Shewmake
- City Councils
 - Bellevue, Newcastle, Renton, Redmond, Kirkland, Seattle, Mercer Island, Issaquah, Sammamish, Woodinville, Kenmore, Bothell, Kent, Auburn, Bainbridge Island, Everett, Bellingham, Tacoma, Olympia
- East Bellevue Community Council
- Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
 - Commissioners David Danner, Ann Rendahl, and Jay Balasbas
- Lisa Gafken, Assistant Attorney General
- PSE IRP Technical Advisory Group
- Seattle Times
- Bellevue Reporter
- Renton Reporter
- Redmond Reporter
- Kirkland Reporter
- Mercer Island Reporter
- Issaquah Reporter
- The Stranger
- Clearing Up
- KUOW
- League of Women Voters
- Washington Conservation Voters