

April 16, 2020

Tacoma Public Utilities  
3628 S 35th Street  
Tacoma, WA 98409

Dear Public Utility Board Members:

The purpose of this letter is to express the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's support of Tacoma Power's [Transportation Electrification Strategic Plan](#) (TESP).

The Agency is a special-purpose, regional government entity responsible for managing air quality in King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. Our jurisdiction is home to more than 4.1 million people, over half of the state's population. The Agency's efforts are guided by our Board-approved [2014-2020 Strategic Plan](#), which outlines several objectives that are directly in line with the TESP, including most notably Objective 1.2 (Reduce transportation emissions, especially diesel particulate, in highly impacted locations) and Objective 2.1 (Reduce emissions of greenhouse gases from transportation).

Tacoma Power's TESP outlines many important electrification strategies for the City and we encourage Tacoma Power to expand its efforts to promote equity and environmental justice considerations while finalizing and implementing the TESP. We also encourage Tacoma Power to engage in rigorous community and stakeholder engagement to develop additional strategies and actions that maximize cost savings for low- and moderate-income residents.

Like Tacoma Power, the Agency recognizes that robust and equitable transportation electrification programs can address the cumulative impacts of multiple environmental hazards and social, economic, and racial burdens. Greater collaboration with environmental justice communities – including communities of color, immigrants, refugees, people with low incomes, youth, and individuals with limited English proficiency – will help Tacoma Power build programs and infrastructure that are community assets and



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ensure an equitable and electrified transportation system that maximizes grid, community, and environmental benefits.

We are excited about the prospect of working together with Tacoma Power to advance transportation electrification efforts across the region. We remain available should you wish to discuss our comments in more detail.

Sincerely,



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