

March 4, 2022

RE: AASHE STARS, Public Service Commission Biogas-Campus Services Heat Connection Project

To whom it may concern-

I am writing to provide support for the PSC Biogas-Campus Services Heat Connection Project for UW Oshkosh's AASHE STARS submission. I am the Principle Investigator on the project. Along with our Campus Sustainability Director and Biogas Program Director, I helped to develop the project and write and submit the grant proposal to the Public Service Commission Energy Innovation Program in January 2021. We were awarded \$338,954 to complete the project, and we are working with Facilities to complete the project by December 2022.

This project is exciting because it will leverage an existing renewable energy campus resource, our dry digester, to help reduce our energy costs and overall carbon footprint. By beneficially utilizing UWO's biogas that is otherwise being flared to heat the adjacent UWO Campus Services Center, we will reduce the amount of natural gas purchased from the local utility by ~75%. This represents the kind of innovative and wise use of resources and commitment to sustainability that UW Oshkosh strives to achieve.

Best regards,

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