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I urge the State of Washington Department of Ecology (WADOE), et al, NOT to change 171-423WAC Clean Vehicle Program or 173-400WAC General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources until suitable electrical power infrastructure is in place to support the electrical load demands required by an all electric vehicle mandate. Given the poor condition of the State's transmission and distribution system, the forced retirement of our regional coal fired power plants, opposition to natural gas energy use, opposition to nuclear power plants, transient wind farm output power, and an inability for solar array to provide power at night, WADOE is intending to destroy the existing transportation infrastructure with no regard for the livelihoods of the citizens of Washington State. Before any change to 173-423WAC or 173-400WAC, the State of Washington should analyze future electrical power requirements for widespread electric vehicle use across the State, identify required power demand, transmission and distribution upgrades to accommodate that demand, and ensure that the required upgrades are installed, operational and available to all electric vehicle drivers. Without these upgrades, all the WADOE is doing is making Jay Inslee feel good and destroying our State's transportation infrastructure.