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Dear Washington UTC,

I would love to be able to drive my electric car without any emissions from the electricity I use. I am so afraid of losing the beauty and life around me. I already see loss--in trees dying, the little tiny pink clamshells that used to be everywhere on the beach I grew up on, the ducks--their flocks are so small, and the tide pools--they used to be colorful, now they are overgrown with brownish something. I miss the more pristine nature I knew growing up. I do everything I can from consuming less, to being mostly vegan, to composting, to organizing. How can we convince people that our lives depend on freedom from fossil fuel?

I am writing to ask the Utilities and Transportation Commission to not allow Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to build new gas power plants for their long-range electricity plan and to reduce their use of gas for the long-range gas plan.

According to the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), natural gas is far more damaging to the climate than previously thought. Gas may be as bad as coal for the climate. And natural gas certainly is not "natural" when the impacts of hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" to extract gas is poisoning groundwater in communities across the country.

Our new 100% clean electricity law -- the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) -- requires all utilities to be 80% fossil fuel free by 2030 and 100% by 2045. The last thing we need to do is build new gas power plants that would be around for decades. The intent of CETA is to wind down on gas power in our electricity, not ramp it up.

Our new state law that establishes science-based fossil fuel reductions that come from the IPCC, calls for 95% reductions by 2050 and 45% reductions by 2030. Yet PSE's long-range plan for its gas utility shows virtually no reductions for the next 20 years. PSE fails to follow recommendations in Washington's new State Energy Strategy that identifies moving buildings from gas to electricity as a key strategy for climate protection.

Enough is enough. PSE must take climate change seriously before it is too late. Please reject PSE's electricity and gas plans.

Sincerely,

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