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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my concern with aspects of PSE's 20-year plan and my hope that you will press for further relinquishment of the use of fossil fuels as well as generation of energy from renewables.

I ask that you push PSE to divest from Colstrip units 3&4 by 2025. It is the largest source of CO2 emissions in the PNW by at least a factor of 2. PSE's own analysis states that in the case of CO2 regulation (carbon tax), closing Colstrip and replacing with another source will save them money. I hope they can negotiate with the community in Montana like they did for units 1&2 such that the community there is not left high and dry in terms of jobs.

I hope that you will pressure PSE to shutter the plan to add 700MW of new fracked gas sources over the next 10 years and the Tacoma LNG plant. Methane leaks contribute greatly to the greenhouse effect, and the CO2 emissions involved in the fracking refining and transport process are also undesirable - customers of PSE like myself will take on the financial risks associated with CO2 emissions from fracked gas projects like carbon tax, volatility of fuel prices.

Please ask that PSE take into consideration the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions in their analysis of the best path forward. Already the PNW is plagued by more persistent wildfires, affecting people's homes and our ecosystem, as well as ocean acidification affecting the shellfish industry.

Please ask that PSE revise their plan to include more renewable sources of energy. New battery technology makes 'intermittency' far less of an issue than it used to be and overall renewables are getting cheaper at a rapid pace. We must meet conditions of the Paris Climate Accord as upheld by WA state which will require dramatic increases in renewable energy as a source. The PNW Power and Conservation Council states in their 7th Power Plan that the cheapest way to meet future demands for the region is through building efficiency and modernizing the energy grid - eclipsing the contribution of natural gas.

I am very concerned about our future and environment in the face of climate change. I also believe change starts at home. We cannot afford to get locked into another 20 years of high fossil fuel use. Please pressure PSE to revise their plan accordingly.

Sincerely

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