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To: The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Docket UE-160918

submitted by email to records@utc.wa.gov

Re: PSE's IRP

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Citizens for Sane Eastside Energy (CSEE) is an Eastside citizens action group that supports the analyses and conclusions reached by Mr. Richard Lauckhart in his submittal to you dated October 1, 2017, attached for your convenience. We differ with him only on one semantic point: whereas he believes PSE's treating the "WECC Path Rating for 'WECC Path 3: Northwest to Canada' as if it were a Firm Commitment in its studies of the transmission needs for the greater Bellevue area" is a "mistake," rendering PSE's (never fully disclosed) flow studies useless, we contend it is an intentional attempt by PSE to once again mislead and defraud the public and those like you who represent the public interest.

We further contend the international investors who own and control PSE are attracted to lucrative but senseless projects like Energize Eastside because of the ill-advised financial incentives of guaranteed returns of up to 10% on infrastructure investments that are encouraged under Washington law. We thus urge you to be especially on guard and suspicious of any reasons PSE offers for why it has dragged its feet for so many months in failing to arrive at the kind of IRP more responsible electrical utilities elsewhere have been readily and proudly pursuing for the benefit of their service areas.

Sincerely,



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