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Attached is my testimony prepared for yesterday's hearing regarding Puget Sound Energy.

My name was not called during the public comment timeline, so I am filing written comments.

Thank you,
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UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION HEARING
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I am the Reverend Carol McKinley, minister affiliated with the Olympia UU Congregation, where I coordinate our Faith in Action Ministry, encompassing our social and environmental justice programs. Unitarian Universalists, in solidarity with numerous faith traditions, have long spoken out on the moral imperative of climate change, calling for action to address this grave threat to life on this planet.

This moral imperative asks: how are we, as individuals and business and governmental bodies, respond, to act to preserve this planet's air and land? How do we ensure a healthy future for our children and the most vulnerable among us – those most directly affected by effects of climate change?

At this critical time we must commit to that healthy future – a future with a livable climate sustained by clean energy no longer dependent on fossil fuels. And we must act, by requiring that Puget Sound move up its timeline to end use of coal from Montana's Colstrip Plant, and to end investment in new gas plants.

In response to this moral imperative, we ask that PSE shift its focus from fossil fuels to creative, aggressive expansion of clean energy from wind and solar sources.

What greater legacy can this regulatory body, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, offer this state and its people than to ensure that PSE revise its 20-year plan to include reduction goals that live into PSE's expressed commitment to mitigate climate change?

The world's faith traditions teach us that we are morally obligated to care for this place we call our home, and to care for those who share it with us. What better legacy can we leave than making those teachings a reality?

What better contribution can PSE make than ending its reliance on fossil fuels?

I urge each of us, citizens, companies, and government, to embrace the moral imperative to ensure this place we call home is healthy and livable for us, and for our children.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Commissioners.

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