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Dear Commissioners:

I attended the hearing on PSE's IRP yesterday. Thank you for your attentive listening to all of us. I am a Washington State native and a PSE ratepayer.

I spoke briefly in the late afternoon, almost managing to keep within the 1 minute time limit. I am the woman who harkened back to some expensive follies in Washington State, including the collapse of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, the implosion of the Seattle Kingdome while the taxpayers were still on the hook for paying off bonds issued to finance repairs on said stadium, and the WPSS debacle of the early 1970's, when predicted demand for electricity was wildly off the mark. I sincerely believe that well-intentioned experts are often wrong. As the ratepayers' representatives, we depend on you to take a squinty-eyed, skeptical approach to all of the assumptions in PSE's IRP, despite their underpinnings of graphs and charts and computations from energy economists.

The consequences of going forward with this IRP are far more grave than was the loss of a few hundred millions of taxpayer dollars due to a bridge collapse, an ill-timed repair on a doomed stadium, and a default on bonds to finance construction of nuclear power plants. Now what is at stake is the well-being of the next seven generations. I know that there are limits on your power; you cannot exactly reject this IRP. But I ask that you do whatever is in your power to ensure:

- That Colstrip power plants 3 & 4 are closed by 2025
- That the energy to replace that coal-fired electricity is derived from wind, solar, conservation, and energy efficiency
- That no new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure is built to replace Colstrip energy
- That specifically, fracked gas be recognized as the dirty energy source it is, arguably producing more greenhouse gases than coal when extraction and leaks are considered, and also spewing a toxic mixture of other chemicals into the air around gas plants, in addition to contaminating aquifers and using vast quantities of water during the fracking process
- That PSE's unneeded East Side transmission line be aborted, saving trees and green space
- That construction of PSE's unpermitted LNG plant in Tacoma be acknowledged as an infringement on Native lands and called out as a blatant violation of the public's right to be heard

Thank you for your consideration.

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