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Dear Utilities and Transportation Commission:

This is a comment on PSE's 2017 Integrated Resource Plan, Docket numbers UE-160918 and UG-160919"

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The title of my comment is : "A comment on PSE's 2017 Integrated Resource Plan, Docket numbers UE-160918 and UG-160919"

I read my comment into the public record on Feb. 21, 2018 as speaker no. 71 at the public hearing at the Renton Community Center.

I am also submitting my comment in writing on Feb. 22, 2018 as an attached Word document and in the body of this email as follows:

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There's a **big rush** by companies like PSE to get their permits for **new fossil fuel facilities now** while the industry is **deregulated** under **Trump** and while **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt** suggests that **climate change could benefit humans**.

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Let's see **more** wind and solar facilities like the ones at Wild Horse and Hopkins Ridge. Keep fossil fuels **in the ground** to **stop the climate change caused** by humans. Close Colstrip ASAP and replace it with renewables.

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