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To: [Public Involvement \(UTC\)](#)
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Dear UTC Commissioners,

Since I am unable to attend the February 21 public hearing on this subject, I am submitting the following written comments:

As a Washington state citizen for 50 years, I am proud of the state's commitment to protect our environment and to maintain the intent of the Paris Accord. However, as a PSE customer (and it's predecessor Puget Power) for all but about 2 of those 50 years, I am very disappointed, and frustrated (angered is probably a better term) that their long-term plan continues to rely, in part, on operating the Colstrip coal-fired generating plant, currently the largest source of carbon pollution in the Northwest!

Furthermore, their plan reveals PSE intends to build a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Tacoma and to vastly expand its fracked gas infrastructure over the next ten years. Given the experience of other states, such as Oklahoma, fracking has several serious side-effects, not the least of which are multiple earthquakes. Plus, there is ample evidence that there is a substantial amount of methane released during the entire process of production and transportation, and methane is a worst greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide! Finally, the fracking companies refuse to divulge the chemicals they use in the fracking process, claiming that they are trade secrets and no one knows what disastrous impacts they may have on ground water.

So, as strongly as I possible can, as a citizen and a PSE customer, I urge you to PLEASE use your existing authority to REJECT any PSE long-term plan that does not commit to getting coal-fired electricity from the Colstrip plant off the utility's grid by 2025, and does not explicitly exclude new fracked gas infrastructure, including liquefied natural gas! Alternatives for clean energy generation are plentiful and cost effective. PSE does NOT need the above two elements in their plan!

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,
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