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Dear UTC Commissioners,

The next 20 years are a critical time — to deny this is to deny science and common sense. Puget Sound Energy's draft 2021 Integrated Resource Plan fails to align with 2019's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) requiring utilities to be 80 percent carbon free by 2030, a minimum requirement for avoiding complete a climate catastrophe, which we have seen in the past weeks in Texas begin to effect even the ability to provide power via natural gas.

Rather, we *MUST* significantly fast-forward our renewable energy and storage infrastructure and retire methane and CO2 intensive power production as soon as possible, with the urgency that our lives depend on it (because they do). This includes
retiring the Colstrip coal plant before 2025, and cancelling the Tacoma LNG and any other planned fossil gas plants, expansions or pipelines.

As Washington's largest utility, Puget Sound Energy should be proactively planning for and embracing the future reality, not ignoring details out of convenience. Such acts of convenience by PSE will cost rate payers more in the long run and endanger our lives.

As customers, we have a stake in the harm PSE's energy plans cause to communities, climate, and future generations: by using and paying for the energy we are complicit, and we are demanding better. We are also demanding more transparency in how PSE forecasts future energy demand, inquiry into the validity of construction costs passed onto customers, and a public engagement process that facilitates customers and stakeholders having an actual say in where our money goes and the implications of what powers our homes.

Sincerely,
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