

Commissioners—The Washington State legislature needs to change your job description!

The UTC should oversee and review PSE's power projects— such as Energize Eastside— **before** they are built. Other states have this oversight **prior to construction**. In Washington— it is **backwards oversight**— giving blind trust to PSE to be honest!

PSE must be held accountable to some entity—that knows power planning inside and out. Energize Eastside is a runaway project— tangled in lies and deception.

Cities do not have qualified experts to vet a project like Energize Eastside. The state needs to provide oversight and force PSE to be transparent with their numbers and studies.

Energize Eastside is a bogus project—unsafely proposed along **two** Olympic jet fuel pipelines—in a 100 foot utility corridor— too close to homes and schools—solely for PSE to collect the 10% return— allowing them over a billion dollar profit.

Oversight before— would show that **Energy Storage** is the perfect solution to serve a small amount of peak demand—that is **PERHAPS NEEDED** on a few cold evenings— which Energize Eastside is supposed to be about— **NOT** building a huge power network that is unnecessary.

As a resident of Newcastle, I need a permit to put in a new water heater or to install a roof. **And PSE** needs oversight to vet their projects before destroying our area— just to increase profits for their foreign investors.

The time has come to change our ineffective regulatory process!

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A CENSE Board member and I support CENSE in all their findings.

Four months ago, we heard good news, that the UTC made a new policy requiring utilities, such as PSE, **must now** consider **Energy Storage** in their Integrated Resource Plans. **PSE** must study a variety of **current storage technologies** through a **competitive bidding process** for their **prudency** review.

This review, **allows or denies**, project costs to be passed to the ratepayers.

It is NO surprise that PSE lobbied against this new policy. They rejected battery storage as a viable alternative for the Energize Eastside project in the EIS relying on old and exaggerated data.

PSE would prefer to build an over-scaled, over-priced and unsafe project without a bidding process. If they spend more, they make more, with their allowed 10% return—for them— a billion dollar profit!

Commissioners— **Why NOT** make this new policy enforceable **NOW?** Why wait until the 2019 IRP? Energy Storage is a cheaper, safer, more environmentally friendly solution— to poles and wires installed in the same corridor as jet fuel pipelines!

**Hold PSE accountable NOW—
NO more FREE passes for PSE at our expense!**

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