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Dear Ms. Mak,

I am writing re: Docket #151663. I am a Tacoma resident and a PSE ratepayer, and I have concerns regarding Puget Sound Energy's proposal to build an LNG facility in our urban port.

As a citizen, I've read most of the documents contained in this docket and have followed the developments from a distance. Granted, I'm not a lawyer, but I am struggling to understand how UTC Staff and Public Counsel - both of whom were once vociferously opposed to PSE's proposal at the beginning of this process - have now aligned with Puget Sound Energy in the stipulation agreements. While I see statements to the effect that PSE will hold ratepayers harmless from project liability, it still appears to me that nearly 2 million PSE ratepayers are being asked to subsidize 43% of the capital costs of predominantly for-profit unregulated natural gas business. How is this in the public interest? Peak shaving, at best, is needed for 6 inclement weather days every two years. How is that equivalent to nearly 50% of the costs to build the facility? How can this natural gas project possibly be of public benefit to 1.1 million electricity ratepayers?

My concern all along has been that PSE added peak shaving to the Tacoma LNG proposal in order to confuse these exact issues. By claiming that there is a public benefit to the proposal, they were able to obtain millions in tax breaks from the Washington Legislature, and now millions in subsidies from utility customers.

Because there is no public record of the mediation discussions, and because I see that all parties signed non-disclosure agreements, how does the public have faith that this process has been fair? I would be very interested to hear Public Counsel's arguments as to why these stipulation agreements are in the public's best interests. Thank you for your response.

Sincerely,

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