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Case: 151663

Title: PSE Tacoma LNG Facility

PI Coordinator: Roberts, Andrew

Staff Lead: David Gomez

Public Comments by Case

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	Ann Locsin	E-mail	<p>As a ratepayer and customer of PSE I am asking the UTC to not allow PSE to build the LNG facility in Tacoma using ratepayer money. I believe PSE is inflating the "peak shaving" portion of this project in order to use public funds to build it. Please demand that PSE prove their historical usage in Western Washington for peak shaving. Ratepayers should not have to fund a multi million dollar facility for 3 days per year of usage. Please do the right thing and insist PSE fund this as a private venture only should they move forward.</p> <p>Sincerely, Ann Locsin Tacoma Resident</p> <p>Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. ~ Margaret Mead</p> <p>***Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.***</p> <p>***SECOND COMMENT - Received via email 10/20/2016, 10:51 am***</p> <p>It has come to my attention that another project, the Jordan Cove LNG project was not approved because they did not establish that there was really a "need" for it. I would say the PSE Tacoma LNG is also unneeded. We do not need additional peak shaving capacity and we definitely don't need it where they want to put it. This proposal is not about the public interest. It is about PSE making \$\$\$. This should be a private venture.</p> <p>Regards, Ann Locsin</p> <p>Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. ~ Margaret Mead</p>

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	Cathy Lysne	E-mail	<p>Subject Line: Funding of the LNG Tank</p> <p>Dear UTC:</p> <p>As a ratepayer and customer of Puget Sound Energy (PSE), I am asking the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) not to allow PSE to build the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility in Tacoma using ratepayer money. I believe PSE (which is a private company) may be inflating the "peak shaving" portion of this project to use public funds to build it. Please demand that PSE proves their historical usage in Western Washington for peak shaving. Ratepayers should not have to fund a multi-million-dollar facility for three days per year of usage. Please do the right thing and insist PSE fund this as a private venture only should they move forward.</p> <p>I will continue to follow this closely, in addition to many other concerned citizens. PSE's method of funding is garnering much media and public exposure and will continue to do so.</p> <p>Sincerely, Catherine lysne Tacoma Wa 98422</p>

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	Chiara Rose	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners Ann Rendahl, David Danner and Philip Jones, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss:</p> <p>I write to you as a residential customer of Puget Sound Energy in Bellingham Washington, to ask that you deny the request by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to remove the "ring fencing" that protects the consumer utility business of PSE from its plan to build an 8 million gallon LNG liquification and storage facility at the Port of Tacoma.</p> <p>Specifically, I am concerned that as a residential PSE customer, I am being asked to provide the financial guarantee for and subsidize a risky, polluting, and dangerous scheme.</p> <p>As you know, when the Australian Macquarie Group purchased PSE in 2008, the Washington</p>

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			<p>ensuring that utility and transportation services are fairly priced, available, reliable and safe.”</p> <p>I ask you to honor your historic commitment to protecting Washington State utility customers from predatory schemes such as those proposed by PSE/the Macquarie Group by denying PSE’s request to remove the “ring fencing” provisions. I also ask that you deny any future scheme that PSE may propose that would involve residential customers either to subsidize or assume the risk for PSE’s speculative, private business venture.</p> <p>This issue is very important to me. I will continue to follow it closely and to speak out about it as widely and as publicly as I am able.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Chiara Rose Bellingham Washington</p>
	Michael Lafreniere	E-mail	<p>Dear UTC:</p> <p>I am asking the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) not to allow PSE to build the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility in Tacoma using ratepayer money. Please demand that PSE proves their historical usage in Western Washington for peak shaving. I believe PSE (which is a private company) may be inflating the "peak shaving" portion of this project to use public funds to build it. As a ratepayer and customer of Puget Sound Energy (PSE), I feel that ratepayers should not have to fund a multi-million-dollar facility for three days per year of usage. Please do the right thing and insist PSE fund this as a private venture only should they move forward.</p> <p>I will continue to follow this closely, in addition to many other concerned citizens. PSE’s method of funding is garnering much media and public exposure and will continue to do so.</p> <p>Sincerely, Michael Lafreniere 815 N Proctor St. Tacoma, WA 98406</p>
	Suzanne Clemens	E-mail	<p>***SEE ATTACHMENT - page from EIS***</p> <p>Dear UTC:</p> <p>As a ratepayer and customer of Puget Sound Energy (PSE), I am asking the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to not allow PSE to build the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility in Tacoma using ratepayer money. I believe PSE will be inflating the "peak</p>

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portion of this project to use public funds to build it. To document this, I am forwarding an email I received from Roger Garratt, an executive from PSE, outlining how the cost of running the LNG tank will be appropriated. I am also attaching a page from the EIS that breaks out the percentage of proposed use of the LNG product. From the email from Mr. Garratt, starting in paragraph 2, you will see that 50% of the cost of running the LNG facility will be attributed to the 7% of product for a peak shaver. From a business standpoint, it only seems appropriate that if a partner (ratepayer) is being charged with 50% of the cost of doing business, then it should also share in the profits. I doubt very much ratepayers will: a) - be a member of the LLC created for this project or b) -have any share in profits earned. So then why should ratepayers be saddled with 50% of the cost of PSE doing business?

Please do the right thing and insist PSE fund this as a *private venture only* should they move forward. The Risk/Reward should be a PSE/new company exposure, and not an exposure the ratepayers should have to experience. If a new entity is created, it should not be treated as a public utility where ratepayers pay for services. It should actually be more like a corporation that can sell shares and get their funding from interested and informed investors that will share in the risk/reward.

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Sincerely,

Suzanne Clemens
Tacoma

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: RE: lng info on 7% peak shaver
Date: Fri, 22 Jul 2016 01:52:11 +0000
From: Garratt, Roger <roger.garratt@pse.com>
To: 'Sue Clemens' <sclemens@harbornet.com>

Ms. Clemens,

Thank you for sharing this page with me. It's useful in understanding where the 7% figure is coming from. As you indicate, 7% is an accurate number when one is simply talking about how much LNG is used each year for peak shaving as compared to other uses on a volumetric basis. However, that figure ignores how the LNG is used and the components and costs of the LNG facility. The LNG that is used for peak shaving (6.3 million gallons) needs to be liquefied and sitting in the storage tank by the beginning of winter each year to meet the needs of our residential and business customers during a cold-weather, peaking event.

The LNG that is sold as maritime fuel gets liquefied and sits in the storage tank for a couple of days before being provided to TOTE or other customers. So, the peaking facility has much greater usage and reliance on the tank than the LNG fuel sales portion of the plant. Accordingly, a much higher percentage of the cost of the storage tank is allocated to the peaking service. Conversely, the LNG fuel sales portion of the plant makes greater use of the liquefaction equipment and more of that cost is allocated to that portion.

As it turns out, each of the major components of the facility are separately allocated to peaking and LNG fuel sales: liquefaction, storage, bunkering (the system for proving LNG to maritime vessels), vaporization (the equipment to convert LNG back to natural gas during a peaking event), and truck loading. When one breaks down the components of the plant and allocates them between peaking and LNG fuel sales and does so, taking into account the cost attributable to each, then we get to a weighted-average figure along the lines of 50:50. In the utility industry, we are accustomed to allocating our capital costs and separately allocating our operating costs (for example, the cost of labor, rent, and electricity). The 50:50 allocation is the allocation of capital costs. For the most part, operating costs are allocated based on what is giving rise to that cost. For example, in the case of electricity consumption for the LNG facility, most of the electricity is used by the compressor which is part of the liquefaction process and so most of that cost will be allocated to fuel sales customer, not utility customers.

One other piece of background that might be helpful for you: In the utility industry we have an obligation to have adequate service under all circumstances. When demand increases because of

cold weather, we have to have the equipment and plans in place to serve all of our customers' needs. Imagine, if you can, if the airlines had to have enough airplanes to fly everyone who wanted to fly the day before Thanksgiving and couldn't charge extra for a ticket that day. As you can imagine, there would be a lot of airplanes sitting around much of the rest of the year and the cost of those idle airplanes would be factored into the price you paid anytime during the rest of the year when you bought an airline ticket. To a large extent that is how utilities operate because energy is an essential product and can be a matter of survival during peak periods. The cost of that standby equipment is part of the cost of natural gas service (and there's a similar peaking concept on the electricity side). I hope this helps explain the difference in the numbers.

Thank you for your interest,
Roger

-----Original Message-----

From: Sue Clemens [mailto:sclemens@harbornet.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 5:55 PM
To: Garratt, Roger
Subject: lng info on 7% peak shaver

Dear Mr. Garratt

Attached is a page from your final EIS - page 299 from the attachments to the EIS. This shows annual LNG production which, since PSE ordered the EIS, my guess is that PSE provided these numbers. As you can see, peak shaving represents a very small portion of the total production and that we are not making up this information.

Last month at the Port meeting, your communications director was given the same information. It seems strange that two intelligent men that are representing a very large utility wouldn't have access to this information.

If there is anyone else that needs to be reminded of this information, I'll be glad to share this with them.

Sincerely,

			Sue Clemens 253-383-5723
	Deneise L Kopetzky	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss:</p> <p>As a ratepayer and customer of Puget Sound Energy (PSE) I am asking the UTC to not allow PSE to build the LNG facility in Tacoma using ratepayer money. I believe PSE is inflating the "peak shaving" portion of this project in order to use public funds to build it. Please demand that PSE prove their historical usage in Western Washington for peak shaving. Ratepayers should not have to fund a multi million dollar facility for 3 days per year of usage. Please do the right thing and insist PSE fund this as a private venture only should they move forward.</p> <p>Specifically, I am concerned that as a residential PSE customer, I am being asked to provide the financial guarantee for and subsidize a risky, polluting, and dangerous scheme.</p> <p>This issue is very important to me.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Deneise L Kopetzky NE Tacoma resident</p>

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	Sara Wood	E-mail	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>As a ratepayer and customer of PSE I am asking the UTC to not allow PSE to build the LNG facility in Tacoma using ratepayer money. I believe PSE is inflating the "peak shaving" portion of this project in order to use public funds to build it. Please demand that PSE prove their historical usage in Western Washington for peak shaving. Ratepayers should not have to fund a multi million dollar facility for 3 days per year of usage. Please do the right thing and insist PSE fund this as a private venture only should they move forward.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sara Wood Saraewood@hotmail.com Tacoma Resident Get Outlook for Android</p> <p>***Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.***</p> <p>***RECEIVED EMAIL - 10/21/16***</p> <p>Robert,</p> <p>Could you please pass along my gratitude to the 3 panel judges that presided over the UTC meeting regarding the PSE LNG Proposal? They were so attentive to our comments and I feel they truly listened to us all (both sides). My friends and I were very pleased and want them to know that they are appreciated!</p> <p>Sincerely, Sara Wood Tacoma Resident saraewood@hotmail.com 253-576-1055</p>

	Tressie Schindele	Web	<p>PSE LNG Proposal; DOCKET UG-151663 Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss: Below is a Form Letter. But here, it's personal, because Much of my family lives within a MILE of the Port of Tacoma, where this horrid plant might be built. Please think of us. Would you want to live next door to me? And the boondoggle of the \$\$\$ rates is a failure of your duty to protect me, and my family, the citizens, from the predation of corporations. I ask you to honor your historic commitment to protecting Washington State utility customers from predatory schemes such as those proposed by PSE/the Macquarie Group by denying PSE's request to remove the "ring fencing" provisions. I also ask that you deny any future scheme that PSE may propose that would involve residential customers either to subsidize or assume the risk for PSE's speculative, private business venture. During this mediation process, I respectfully ask that you Please keep in mind the UTC's own mission statement: "to protect consumers ensuring that utility and transportation services are fairly priced, available, reliable and safe." This issue is very important to me. I will continue to follow it closely and to speak out about it as widely and as publicly as I am able. As a residential customer of Puget Sound Energy to ask that you deny the request by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to remove the "ring fencing" that protects the consumer utility business of PSE from its plan to build an 8 million gallon LNG liquification and storage facility at the Port of Tacoma. Specifically, I am concerned that as a residential PSE customer, I am being asked to provide the financial guarantee for and subsidize a risky, polluting, and dangerous scheme. As you know, when the Australian Macquarie Group purchased PSE in 2008, the Washington UTC required "ring fencing" provisions to be added to the sale to protect residential customers from financial risk. Now PSE is asking to dismantle the ring fencing so that a shell company it created called Puget LNG can run the proposed Port of Tacoma LNG business and charge unregulated rates for natural gas. It is clear to me that PSE wants its residential customers to subsidize and assume the risk for its LNG scheme. The proposed LNG facility would offer no tangible benefit to residential customers. Consider the following: Peak shaving is a tiny percent of the total project (3.5% to 7%, depending on whether one considers PSE claims or the figures provided by ECO Northwest's Economic Impact Analysis). That means that the bulk of this project (93% to 96.5%) is unregulated business. Utility ratepayers should not assume any risk for a venture that is essentially unregulated business without clear public benefit. The need for additional peak shaving capacity doubtful, as PSE currently stores 47 billion cubic feet of natural gas at Jackson Prairie in Chehalis. Utility ratepayers should have a place at the table in the mediations between PSE, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities. These</p>
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Tressie Schindele</p>
	<p>JODY ALFIERE</p>	<p>Web</p> <p>SUBJECT: PSE LNG Proposal; DOCKET UG-151663

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	Tim & Toni Webb	E-mail	<p>A call to action!!</p> <p>My Family is writing this email for a Call to Action!!</p> <p>We have serious concerns regarding the funding of an LNG tank for a company that is owned by a powerful financial group from Australia.</p> <p>It has come to our attention that PSE wants to use our family's ratepayer money to fund a portion of their proposed LNG project. We oppose this!! No matter what amount of it would be used for this project, We oppose.</p>

			<p>If any persons were to approach us about this, we would NOT consider it. Because it's our politicians and (what WAS thought) a publicly owned utility I am writing to get your input.</p> <p>Is this true??</p> <p>It sounds like this is simply a private/International for profit venture, WITH NO REGARD FOR CITIZENS SAFETY, trying to FULFILL THEIR pockets at our community's expense putting HARMS WAY with NO REGARD FOR THE HEALTH, WELFARE, OR SAFETY of our loved ones or Community.</p> <p>As a longstanding customer of PSE, we are asking the UTC to not allow PSE to build the LNG facility in Tacoma using our ratepayer money. This abuse of our money should not be allowed.</p> <p>It has come to my attention that many who are more knowledgeable than we are, actually believe PSE is inflating the "peak shaving" portion of this project in order to use public funds to build it. We have heard of this type of goings-on before and caution our little city to not be taken in by big international businesses like this. To verify these possibly inflated numbers We are asking that you demand that PSE prove their historical usage in Western Washington for peak shaving. Ratepayers should not have to fund a multi million dollar facility for 3 days per year of usage.</p> <p>Do the right thing and insist PSE fund this as a private venture only.</p> <p>This issue is getting a lot of news coverage right now and recently was on KOMO 4.</p> <p>We are watching closely to see what will be done.</p> <p>Sincerely, Tim & Toni Webb Tacoma Resident</p>
	David Caffee	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss:</p> <p>I write to you as a residential customer of Puget Sound Energy to ask that you deny the request by</p>

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	Casey Lowe	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss:</p> <p>I am sure you recieved many copies of the letter below. I would like to add that I have a chemical engineering degree and am a Professional Engineer. I am far enough from the facility so as it not to be an immediate threat to me. However, talking to my many friends in industry they mention that a large failure is not common and that it is typically contained in the facility, which sounds good. But they used the words usually and said it should not be near a population center. I would like you to consider the possibility of catastrophic failure and what it would do to Tacoma. I would also like to point out another industry, the nuclear industry, has a pretty good track record too except for those three accidents two of which made large swaths of countries unlivable. If this facility is allowed it needs more protections not less. Sooner or later one of the tanker trucks, facility, or boats will have an accident and the public outcry will be frightening as well as the political fallout.</p> <p>I write to you as a residential customer of Puget Sound Energy to ask that you deny the request by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to remove the “ring fencing” that protects the consumer utility business of PSE from its plan to build an 8 million gallon LNG liquification and storage facility at the Port of Tacoma.</p> <p>Specifically, I am concerned that as a residential PSE customer, I am being asked to provide the financial guarantee for and subsidize a risky, polluting, and dangerous scheme.</p> <p>As you know, when the Australian Macquarie Group purchased PSE in 2008, the Washington UTC required “ring fencing” provisions to be added to the sale to protect residential customers from financial risk. Now PSE is asking to dismantle the ring fencing so that a shell company it created called Puget LNG can run the proposed Port of Tacoma LNG business and charge unregulated rates for natural gas.</p> <p>It is clear to me that PSE wants its residential customers to subsidize and assume the risk for its LNG scheme. The proposed LNG facility would offer no tangible benefit to residential customers. Consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Peak shaving is a tiny percent of the total project (3.5% to 7%, depending on whether one considers PSE claims or the figures provided by ECO Northwest’s Economic Impact Analysis). <p>That means that the bulk of this project (93% to 96.5%) is unregulated business. Utility ratepayers</p>

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Auburn, WA

Total Comments: 142

In Favor: 12

Opposed: 130

Undecided: 0

Filing Support	Commenter	Source	Comments
	Lisa Eyre	E-mail	<p>Dear Port Commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing to you to ask that you do not allow PSE to remove the “ring fencing” that only protects PSE and leaves it’s customers to pay the bills for something that we don’t want here in the first place.</p> <p>Why should the residents, who clearly do not want the LNG facility so close to our houses and schools, be left to help foot the bill for a risky, polluting, and dangerous scheme?</p> <p>Please listen to those that you are representing, do not let LNG get away with this.</p> <p>Thank you, Lisa Eyre</p> <p>1727 Pointe Woodworth Dr. Tacoma, WA 98422</p> <p>***Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.***</p>
	Susie Litts	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss:</p> <p>As a residential customer of Puget Sound Energy I ask you to deny the request by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to remove the “ring fencing” that protects the consumer utility business of PSE from its plan to build an 8 million gallon LNG liquification and storage facility at the Port of Tacoma. This current request changes the original pledge made by PSE’s Australia-based owners. This is a private company with a foreign base that is concerned with profits, and who knows what requests and additional business ventures they will request next and inject into the rates paid by the consumers. Consumers who largely have no other option but to use their services.</p>

We have seen this project and the funding requests change several times throughout this project. It is a financial and environmental concern to the nearby industries, neighborhoods and customers of PSE.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments and please consider the impacts of this decision on the consumers and the local area.

Sincerely,
Susie Litts
Tacoma, WA

SECOND COMMENT - received 10/19/16, 4:19 pm

Greetings,

I am unable to attend tonight, but I want to present a concern I have about removing the "ring fencing" provision being discussed.

		<p>As an Accounting and Finance professional, I am concerned about how rate payers will be affected with the LNG plant and it’s usage for both peak shaving and other resources. How will the asset and maintenance costs be divided? As a business, there are many ways that they could legitimately allocate the costs between the two businesses and pass along costs to the consumers that are beyond what was expected.</p> <p>Let's say they save 3% for peak shaving...does that mean 3% of all costs go to PSE vs LNG? How will that be managed? What if nothing ever is used for peak shaving, just reserved? What if major upgrades or repairs are to be made? How will they allocate those costs? Who will be auditing their books to ensure the costs are fairly allocated? While no gas could be used for peak shaving, the fact that it’s reserved could pass along costs to the consumer just based on allocation methods.</p> <p>Additionally, as a privately held entity, operating for profit, why should tax payers subsidize so much of the construction capital (43% I believe), while using a minimal amount of the resources that the the facility will provide?</p> <p>Thank you for your review of these comments,</p> <p>Susie Litts Tacoma, WA</p>
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	Shirley Storms	E-mail	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>The LNG plant being proposes by PSE is not in the public's best interest. They claim it will reduce the emissions from the Tote ships and declare it is a green fuel good for Tacoma. In reality, it will increase the emissions in Tacoma and the Port. We just were removed from being a non-attainment area. The small incremental reduction in emissions will only occur from the ships during the few hours the enter and leave the port. Maybe 4 of the 24 hours they are in Port. The remaining time, they will be hooked up to dock power. This reduction in emissions is small compared to the emissions emitted from the plant that operates 24 hours per day 365 days per year. In addition, there will be several thousand round trips by LNG tanker trucks delivering the excess capacity to as yet unknown customers. These emissions alone will be greater than any reductions by the two ships when in Port. This is not a green project. Starting with the natural gas that is obtained from fracking wells and ending with increased emissions in Tacoma, PSE neglects to mention any of the major emission sources. They have spent thousands, if not million of dollars, in advertising the benefits of LNG. They are trying desperately to convince everyone that it is both safe and friendly, when in truth it is neither. How they are allowed spend rate payers money on a project that the residents do not want. There is no benefit to the public, only increased safety and financial risks. Please do not allow this to happen. Please represent the public and prevent this disaster from being built.</p> <p>Shirley Storms 1316 Browns Pt Blvd Tacoma, WA 98422</p>
	Leah Dunigan	E-mail	Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge

Dennis Moss:

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<http://www.tacomaweekly.com/news/article/lng-plants-business-plan-raises-concern-with-state-utility-watchers>

Sent from my iPhone

Customer >> PubInvolve@utc.wa.gov 7/16/2016 11:10 PM

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Customer >> UTC staff 7/20/16, 12:50 PM

From: claudia riedener [mailto:ixia@harbornet.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 12:50 PM

To: Oshie, Patrick (UTC); Gomez, David (UTC); King, Steve (UTC); Vasconi, Mark (UTC)

Subject: Re: PSE Petition for Declaratory Order, Docket UG-151663

Re: Docket # 151663, PSE LNG

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	M. Judith Ferguson	E-mail	<p>Dear UTC Commissioners:</p> <p>I am writing to request that you maintain the 2008 protections for utility customers that were established when Puget Sound Energy was purchased by Macquarie Group, an Australian investment bank.</p> <p>PSE petitioned your Commission to remove the "ring-fencing" provisions protecting the 2 million regional PSE utility customers from possible financial harm as a result of PSE's LNG business venture. During a June 16, 2016 Port of Tacoma public meeting, PSE resource director Roger Garratt stated that PSE does not have clients or contracts for the LNG they propose to produce in the Port of Tacoma. Only 7 % of the LNG would be sold to utility customers, the remaining 93% is intended for marine and truck transportation.</p> <p>Sadly, PSE has shown itself to be both disingenuous and deceptive in its dealings with its customers and the public, per their own Tacoma LNG FAQ's at http://tacomacleanlng.com/general-project. The LNG facility is not intended as a peak shaving facility in any way, shape or form. Its primary purpose is to ultimately be a bunkering facility. In their FAQ's PSE states that their LNG experience stems from their service to 800,000 natural gas customers, as well as owning and operating a peak shaving facility in Gig Harbor. They have no experience in operating a bunkering facility that will be located in a densely populated urban area.</p> <p>PSE must be held financially accountable for all of their business ventures. The Puget LNG proposal presents too many safety and financial risks for consumers, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents living within a half mile of the proposed site of the 180-foot, 8-million gallon LNG tank. Pierce County Superior Court Judge Cuthbertson ordered the release of safety-related public documents that are part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)—a ruling that PSE is appealing. • Since the PSE LNG proposal, oil and gas prices have fallen drastically, and financial feasibility and profitability are not guaranteed. PSE's utility customers would be the first to be at financial risk if the shell company struggles to find other customers for the liquefied natural gas, but then not benefit from lower utility rates when there are profits from those private sales. Those would go to investors, not ratepayers.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facility would have 18 staff at annual salaries of \$35,000, according to PSE. That is a very small benefit to the community while potential risks are serious. • The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is riddled with contradictions regarding barging, fueling and trucking of the LNG. • PSE’s LNG facility is one of the first bunkering facilities in the nation. Regulations are still not fully in place, and removing customer protections would set a precedent for other facilities to build risky gas infrastructure without sufficient financial stability. <p>Under the new Puget LNG Corporation, the 7% “peak shaving” side of the LNG facility would be state regulated, while the remaining 93% of the LNG production could be sold through private contracts at higher prices. Potential investors in PSE’s new Puget LNG Corporation expect returns from their investment. Any losses from the private LNG facility must to be carried by investors, not the general public who have no voice in productions or operations. Investments carry both risks and rewards. It is inherently unfair to burden consumers with potential losses while profits would be paid out only to multinational investors. PSE and its proposed Puget LNG Corporation are and would be private companies, not public utilities. The utility customer protections established in 2008 must remain in place to protect PSE customers</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. I urge you to follow your duty to protect customers.</p> <p>M. Judith Ferguson 7219 East Side Dr NE Tacoma, WA 98422</p>
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Judi Chelotti
Tacoma resident
PSE customer

Email comment from customer>> records@utc.wa.gov 8/9/16, 6:24 AM

From: judith chelotti [mailto:jactacomawa@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 6:24 AM
To: UTC DL Records Center <records@utc.wa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: LNG shell company

Please see the below email sent to your address on July 27, 2016. This email DOES NOT appear in the document as correspondence regarding this matter. Interesting is was “lost”?? Please add this to the official record as soon as possible.

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Thanks

Steven Storms

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Email supplemental comment Customer >> Steve King 7/12/16, 11:46 PM

From: King, Steve (UTC)
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 6:45 AM
To: UTC DL Records Center records@utc.wa.gov
Subject: FW: PSE Petition - Docket UG-151663

Please add this comment to the file for docket 151663. Thank you. Steve

From: Steve [mailto:storms123@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 11:46 PM
To: storms123@aol.com; Oshie, Patrick (UTC); Gomez, David (UTC); King, Steve (UTC); Vasconi, Mark (UTC)
Subject: Re: PSE Petition - Docket UG-151663

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From: Steve storms123@aol.com

To: poshie <poshie@utc.wa.gov>; dagomez <dagomez@utc.wa.gov>; sking <sking@utc.wa.gov>; mvasconi <mvasconi@utc.wa.gov>

Sent: Mon, Jul 11, 2016 11:23 pm

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	Joseph M. Hiss	Web	<p>Any action that facilitates additional use of fossil fuels locks un into a pattern that will surely add to the degradation of the earth's climate. Even though natural gas will burn cleaner than diesel, making it more available does relatively little to slow climate change, and does nothing at all to reverse it. In other words, liquefying natural gas is bad for the whole planet. Please, don't allow this venture!</p>
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I have never been asked if I would approve of and be willing to subsidize this LNG facility. I not only do not approve of it, I think it is a dangerous facility that should not be located anywhere near the Port of Tacoma businesses, the Northeast residential neighborhood, and transportation infrastructure like I-5 and the 509 freeway in Tacoma among other things. I am not at all willing to subsidize this LNG facility and I believe it to be a very questionable business model for PSE as a utility to try to put ratepayers in the position of having to subsidize PSE's business venture which actually appears to be unrelated to their function as a utility.

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	<p>Kathleen Dial</p>	<p>E-mail</p>	<p>Get Outlook for iOS</p> <p>----- Forwarded message ----- From: "radial75" <radial75@gmail.com> Date: Thu, Oct 20, 2016 at 11:33 AM -0700 Subject: can you please send an email by 5pm today? To: "jdial4122@msn.com" <jdial4122@msn.com>, "Kathleen Dial" <kcdial4122@msn.com>, "Evelyn Dial" <dialophone@gmail.com></p> <p>Hi guys,</p> <p>It would help in the battle against the LNG plant if each of you could send this email to the following address: comments@utc.wa.gov</p> <p>We're writing to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.</p> <p>The deadline is 5 pm.</p> <p>Here is the email to copy, paste, and sign:</p> <p>SUBJECT: PSE LNG Proposal; DOCKET UG-151663 Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss: I write to you as a residential customer of Puget Sound Energy to ask that you deny the request by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to remove the “ring fencing” that protects the consumer utility business</p>

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As I listened to the testimonies last night (11 in support of the settlement, 24 against), I understand the difficulty of your decision. Here are some of my thoughts:

- 1.) The fossil fuel industry is dying. It is no longer a viable option for our energy needs. Not only is it extremely expensive, it prevents us as a nation to put resources into renewable alternatives.
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- 4.) Although, TOTE Maritime Alaska supports PSE’s request, they are the only customer to date in support of this. Will one customer be enough to prevent a bankruptcy?

I would urge you to reject this proposal by PSE. Please be courageous enough to say that our citizens deserve better. Thank you.

		<p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Diane M. Martin Gig Harbor, WA 98332</p>
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Kind regards,
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	<p>Joann McGovern</p>	<p>E-mail</p>	<p>Dear Commissioners, I’m sure you’re receiving many copies of this letter or something like it. The personal note that I would like to add is that many of us are retired, on limited incomes and that we depend upon you to make sure that Washington stays affordable for us to remain living here. We rely on you to recognize what is right for the citizens and help protect us from undue hardships. Please deny the PSE request to remove the protections that could place us all in financial risk. Joann McGovern, Federal Way, WA SUBJECT: PSE LNG Proposal; DOCKET UG-151663 Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss: I write to you as a residential customer of Puget Sound Energy to ask that you deny the request by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to remove the “ring fencing” that protects the consumer utility business of PSE from its plan to build an 8 million gallon LNG liquification and storage facility at the Port of Tacoma. Specifically, I am concerned that as a residential PSE customer, I am being asked to provide the financial guarantee for and subsidize a risky, polluting, and dangerous scheme. As you know, when the Australian Macquarie Group purchased PSE in 2008, the Washington UTC required “ring fencing” provisions to be added to the sale to protect residential customers from financial risk. Now PSE is asking to dismantle the ring fencing so that a shell company it created called Puget LNG can run the proposed Port of Tacoma LNG business and charge unregulated rates for natural gas. It is clear to me that PSE wants its residential customers to subsidize and assume the risk for its LNG scheme. The proposed LNG facility would offer no tangible benefit to residential customers.</p>

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	<p>Jess Woodruff</p>	<p>E-mail</p>	<p>Dear Commissioners</p> <p>PSE keeps claiming the need of an LNG facility in Tacoma. They have spent thousands of dollars trying to convince the public it is in their best interest. There is one big glaring problem with all their rhetoric, there is no need by the public rate paying customers for the plant. The minuscule proportion of the production could be filled in several other ways. The need for peak-shaving is actually just an indication that the current system is undersized. PSE already has plans to grow their system because of population growth in the region. Including an incremental capacity to prevent the need for peak-shaving is as easy as increasing the size of a new pipe by one or two inches.</p> <p>The obvious reason that PSE wants to include the peak-shaving capability in their new "for profit" company is to get the residential ratepayers to cover a great deal of the cost and assume a large portion of the risk. Trying to have two different companies with two different financial motives will never work. The new "for profit" company is trying to maximize returns for their owners, while the "public utility" company is mandated to protect the ratepayers. The UTC is the watchdog.</p> <p>The only true way to make this cobbled scenario work is to make the new PSE "for profit" company build the proposed LNG facility with it's own money. This new company could sell LNG to the current PSE company on the few days a year that extra capacity is needed. It would become immediately obvious that they would not want to continue the project without the financial contribution from the residential ratepayers. It would also become obvious that only the "for profit" company is reaping the benefits.</p> <p>There is no actual need for this project. There are other simple options to manage peak-shaving demands. Continuing with their current system has proven satisfactory in the past. Gig Harbor has a peak-shaving storage tank. There are huge gas reservoirs available. There are incremental growth plans that can include this demand. Their only need is for the rate paying customers to help pay the cost for the plant in order to maximize the profits for the foreign owners. The WUTC has the responsibility to protect the public ratepayers, not to help maximize the profits for the foreign owners.</p> <p>Kind Regards, Jess Woodruff</p>
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	Mary Stewart	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss:</p> <p>I am a residential customer of Puget Sound Energy. I am extremely opposed to them putting their LNG tank in the densely populated Tacoma Port. I am greatly concerned about the safety, especially since my family lives a short 2 miles away from the proposed plant. My children, who attend Stadium High School and Bellarmine High School, must drive past this potential bomb twice a day just to get to school. Our only high school is on the other side of the port. We have no choice about driving past this LNG tank, if they want to go to public school. If there was an accident with the LNG tank, my children would be cut off from us and unable to get home. What is their evacuation plan? My two younger children attend elementary and middle school 2 short miles away.</p> <p>This giant LNG tank will sit on a fault line, and right in the path of the lahar should Mt. Rainier decide to blow. No facility has been tested against this kind of Mother Nature. Why are we put in such danger? For 18 jobs? Tacoma doesn't have to be a cancer alley or a potential time bomb to be a great city. We all believe that, but our own city council does not.</p> <p>Please help us. Please help us prove that such a densely populated port, with 7 schools, including UWT with 5,000 students, is not the place for this giant LNG tank. When they approved neighborhoods, museums, restaurants, schools, university within a 3 mile radius of the port, they should have considered how this would change what companies put in the port and seriously look at the safety involved. New York governor, Mr. Cuomo, said no to an LNG tank they wanted to put 19 miles off the coast of Jones Beach. He said, "The risks far outweigh the rewards." That was 19 miles off the coast!! He said it would attract fracking and, after Sandy, they learned nothing can hold up to Mother Nature.</p> <p>Please help us in Tacoma.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Mary Stewart Resident</p>
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	Meng Li Che	E-mail	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Meng Li Che. I am a resident of NE Tacoma and I am a PSE customer. I drive along the SR-509 corridor daily on my commute to work in Olympia.</p> <p>I oppose the LNG facility. I oppose amending Merger Commitment 56 from Merger Order 08 of Docket U-072375.</p> <p>When the merger commitment was made with a foreign corporation, I understand that the contract indicated that PSE would not own, operate, and/or finance another venture or company.</p> <p>This provision was put into the agreement for specific purposes at the time and there has been no change in circumstance to require any changes. The only reason to seek creating the agreement is income with little risk.</p> <p>I am curious if the merger commitment would have been approved in 2008 if the Commitment 56 were not included.</p> <p>PSE has not partnered with the community - its customers! It sends us mail every month! It has not asked us to participate or comment.</p> <p>Their request should be denied and/or rejected.</p> <p>Sincerely, Meng Li Che</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>

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Along with being risky, as I stated before it is unnecessary.

PSE is a privately owned utility company. It should be operated to provide their customers with secure, low cost utilities. The conflict starts because it is also a private company that is profit driven. It is hard to both maximize profits for the stockholders and minimize costs for the ratepaying customers. In fact, you can not do both. The Tacoma LNG plant is a case in point. PSE is starting a new business venture outside their specific utility business. This business will allow them to purchase raw fracking gas and produce LNG for commercial customers, not their regular residential customers. This is all cloaked in a green washed package that says it is needed to clean up the environment and provide the ratepayers a peak shaving facility. Neither objective is true. It will actually increase the emissions in Tacoma and any peak-shaving benefits could be handled with the new capacity that will be needed with the normal anticipated growth in customers. Providing LNG is not in the charter for their public utility role. Tote container ships that are contracted for about half of the production us not a residential customer. The additional extra 50% capacity is also directed at their profit making role. The only reason that the peak-shaving capability was required was to help cover the cost for their new profit making corporation. It also absorbs a great deal of the risks. PSE does not care about reducing costs for their customers, they are interested in gaining the dominate position in what they believe will be a lucrative business. The utility side of PSE and the new "for profit" side should never be mixed together because they operate on two different motives. Clearly there is no need for the plant from the ratepaying customers. We should be able to show that as easy as Jordan Cove did.

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The peoples' gratitude will flow your way if you use your backbone and stand up today. Thank you for doing your part to keep all Puget Sound residents safe.

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Total Comments: 142

In Favor: 12

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Lumley
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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab® S

COMMENT RECEIVED - via email 10/20/16, 5:16 pm

Dear Commissioners,

PSE keeps claiming the need of an LNG facility in Tacoma. They have spent thousands of dollars trying to convince the public it is in their best interest. There is one big glaring problem with all their rhetoric, there is no need by the public rate paying customers for the plant. The minuscule proportion of the production could be filled in several other ways. The need for peak-shaving is

actually just an indication that the current system is undersized. PSE already has plans to grow their system because of population growth in the region. Including an incremental capacity to prevent the need for peak-shaving is as easy as increasing the size of a new pipe by one or two inches.

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I am extremely concerned ... not only about the safety factor (I am a homeowner in North Tacoma) but also the economic impact this will have on me and the region. I want to stay in our North Tacoma home for another 20+ years. If this plant is built, our future in Tacoma is over.

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https://dailyenergyinsider.com/industry/1844-conditions-tacoma-lng-facility-agreement-set-washington-utc/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=aol_mail&utm_source=email

COMMENT RECEIVED - 10-18-16

Dear Commission:

Please do not allow PSE to build their proposed LNG plant in the tide flats of Tacoma. Besides all the dangers that can be fully documented it will add incremental financial risk to the ratepaying customers. Many of the proposed financial calculations are wrong or have changed since the original proposal. It appears that PSE had to offer Tote extremely low prices in order to get their business. They hoped to sell the remaining 50% capacity to other customers at an increased margin to earn enough profit to pay for the capital and operating costs. Under perfect conditions, they could show they could share some of the profits with the ratepayers. Currently, conditions have changed so much that Tote is slowing down the conversion of it's ships to LNG and they have no other customers to buy any LNG. The only way that PSE can pay for the project is from the only source of revenue at their disposal, which is through increased rates from their customers. This is not in the financial best interest for the rate payers.

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Kelly Lynch
Tacoma, WA

Total Comments: 142**In Favor:** 12**Opposed:** 130**Undecided:** 0

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	Dorothy Walker	E-mail	<p>Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504</p>

SUBJECT: PSE LNG Proposal; DOCKET UG-151663

Dear WUTC Commission Chair David Danner, Commissioners Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Law Judge Dennis Moss:

I am a resident of Pierce County and Chair of the Sierra Club Tatoosh Group of Pierce County, and am asking that you deny the request by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to remove the “ring fencing” that protects the consumer utility business of PSE from its plan to build an 8 million gal. LNG liquefaction and storage facility on the seismically vulnerable tidelands at the Port of Tacoma.

Specifically, residential PSE customers in the Pierce County region are being asked to provide the financial guarantee for and subsidize a risky, polluting, and dangerous scheme.

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Here are some examples:

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This issue of public and financial safety is very important to us, and we will continue to follow it closely and to speak out about it as widely and as publicly as we can.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dorothy Walker, Chair
Sierra Club Tatoosh Group
6116 N Park Ave
Tacoma, WA 98407

***COMMENT RECEIVED - 10/20/16, 4:59 pm, SEE ATTACHED 3 files from Ms. Walker in

reference to Wilma Subra***

Commissioners,

Several comments at the Oct 19 Commission hearing referenced analysis by Wilma Subra regarding the emissions the LNG plant would release. I have attached that analysis and a bio of Wilma who is a recipient of the MacArthur Fellowship Genius Award, lives in “cancer alley” in LA. and is an expert in petro-chemical environmental hazards.

Below are the comments I made at the hearing:

Respectfully,
Dorothy Walker

My name is Dorothy Walker. I am a resident of Pierce Co. and of the Earth.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this stipulated agreement

I would like to challenge the underlying assumption driving this agreement. That is, that there is a need for a peak shaving facility and that it is in the public interest. I do not believe that PSE has demonstrated that there are customers who have gone without heat 6 days of the year. I have to conclude then that any need would be driven by anticipated area population growth. Growth in energy needs of the area should be met by ever more plentiful and cheap renewable energy. We should continue to encourage the change to heat pumps, solar installations and other clean (not fossil fuel) solutions. PSE would like to sell more gas. PSE will not tell you to turn down your thermostat.

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	<p>Carole Sue Braaten</p>	<p>Phone</p> <p>***This comment was transcribed by telephone with the customer. The call quality was poor and the comment was technical in nature. Due to the difficulties the customer was advised to file comment via email as well.***</p> <p>To stop PSE LNG plant due to dangerous and hazardous geologic and seismic hazards that have not been adequately addressed along with other hazards.</p> <p>The Cascadia earthquake fault line is due to go off anytime with a magnitude of 9.0. This fault line along with other fault lines poses a great danger to the Port of Tacoma because it can cause a massive tsunami to come into the port. The port soil is landfill it sits in liquefaction soil which becomes unstable during an earthquake and becomes liquid. They are using the Nisqually level earthquake which was deep earth quake and lasted 40 seconds compared to the Cascadia Earthquake fault line that can produce magnitude 9 earthquakes lasting up to 5 minutes. The tsunami can bring in ships, containers or anything else and hit buildings just like the Japanese 2011 earthquake. There are two Tacoma earthquake fault lines. One is less than one mile, running directly towards the PSE energy plant. The entire Port of Tacoma sits on historic land fill that is known as erosion non-stable soil and it is in the lahar/mudflow from a Mr. Rainier volcanic</p>

eruption or a fast glacier melt. Also it is a historic flood zone, which can flood from the Puyallup River. The site sits between two creeks the Wapato and the Hylobos which have endangered species salmon and Steel Head. Both creeks are part of the Puyallup tribes reservation. The proposed plant would, during a major magnitude earthquake the land would experience severe liquefaction, causing a pipeline to rupture and break. The only City of Tacoma fire department that is certified to work the port for a fire of the type that the LNG plant could generate is from the City of Fife, it is the citizens of Fife pay for the fire services. The LNG site is in a major landslide area, a landslide could cut off the ability of first responders to respond to an emergency at the plant. The only building in the United State that is engineered to survive a tsunami is in Westport, WA, it cost a prohibitive five times what a normal building would cost. They have not figured in the burden of cost for emergency management personnel to manage any catastrophe or how to evacuate people out of the area. The pipeline will actually run 2/10 of a mile from a local high school and 4/10 of a mile from a public swimming area. They want to join another pipeline in a liquefaction zone near a school. The pipeline could damage I5 if something happens. The pipeline that comes from the liquefaction zone is located in 54 Ave NE which is a major evacuation route out of the port in the case of a tsunami. If the pipeline ruptured it could damage the road and make evacuation difficult. The plant could explode next to one of the oil tankers. This project poses a threat and a possible terrorist target. The plant also would sit where the new 167 highway extension is proposed, possibly compromising that project. Structural design has not been adequate looked at considering the geological and seismic hazard that would far exceeded and overburden the emergency personnel that would have to deal with this. The explosion from this plant could cause the Targa Plant with 27 tanks to explode releasing chemicals into the air. The chemicals from this plant would have catastrophic effects on marine life and have effects for miles with no way to stop it. This area of the Puyallup Valley is on the Pierce County major recharge area. Any ruptured lines or contamination from the plant could affect the water due to the high water table. The water usage from this plant has not adequately been addressed, nether have the chemicals coming from this plant to the Tacoma waste water treatment plant. This plant produces fertilizer which could be affected by the chemicals.

SEE ATTACHMENT - Customer submitted comment via email 10/20/16, 4:57 pm
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Tacoma, WA

Sent from my iPhone

Filing Support	Commenter	Source	Comments
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	<p>Judy Ferguson</p>	<p>E-mail</p> <p>***Second comment - received 10/19/16 9:21 am***</p> <p>Commissioners and Administrative Judge Moss -</p> <p>Last night as my 9 hour work day and 'at home' responsibilities ended, I began an email to you asking your denial of PSE's request to remove the 'ring fencing' consumer protection of their 2008 agreement. I was using a 'template' for that email that provided me with your contact information, as well as some facts. To my chagrin, a spasm of my aging laptop sent that email to you in a most unfinished state. I'm embarrassed that this was sent and could undermine my worry and hours of study on this issue, but not embarrassed enough to slink away without making sure my sincere concerns are shared.</p>

In a nutshell and in my very own words, PSE has been less than transparent and forthcoming regarding their intentions for the LNG facility in the Port of Tacoma. They are proposing a massive structure that will store 8 million gallons of LNG, yet they state that less than 50% of that amount will be used for peak shaving and TOTE fueling. They have not publicly stated the use of the other 51% of their stored product.. It is notable that our area has not had need to use 'peak shaving' reserves for some period, if ever, and TOTE at this time has put their ship retrofitting on hold for yet another year. At the end of this month, the feasibility portion of PSE's lease with the Port of Tacoma comes to an end after two extensions, and the next lease phase begins with much, much larger lease payments.

PSE's attitude and behavior over the last months is one of half truths, fact manipulation and outright falsehoods. PSE has a plan in mind for the other 51% of their product and the assumption by citizens and experts in the field is that it will be exported, and perhaps bunkered. PSE's new shell company and their request to you for a change from their original 2008 agreement will put PSE rate payer's at risk of financial participation in PSE's scheme of complicated machinations.

The Macquarie Group is a privately owned, foreign corporation. Their interest is not in the financial well being of PSE rate payers, but with their investors. They are already receiving enormous tax breaks from the State and their lease with the Port practically gives away the farm. Their lease requires only a pittance from them for road improvements and the reopening and manning of a Fire station. The residents of Tacoma will participate in paying the majority of those costs, while the primary user of the infrastructure keeps their \$\$ in their pocket.

I am a 30 year resident of Browns Point and am living with the aftermath of the Asarco smelter. My 1935-ish home is directly across the bay from the smelter site and its smoke plume. My .90 acre lot is contaminated with arsenic in its soil, but we are not in the 'zone' that provides \$\$ compensation to have the top soil removed. Asarco was also under foreign ownership that walked away and left the tremendous cleanup to others. Tacoma should not have to play 'Round 2' of this game.

I have been astounded and disgusted by PSE and their actions. Their disdain of citizens that question their project is more than unacceptable. They are quick to file suit against others, but refuse to share safety information that thousands of local residents deserve to know. They are behaving this way now - - - long before construction has even begun. It can only get worse from

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My evening email 'missend' was sent at 9:30 PM and I began this morning's redo at 6:10 AM. That should add credence to the fact that a community of citizens is worried enough about PSE and their LNG project that it has a daily place in our lives. While my work and home responsibilities do not allow me to attend tonight's public session, I hope my written concerns will be considered.

I wish you the best in this long day of great importance.

Judy Ferguson
7219 East Side Dr NE
Tacoma, WA 98422

First Comment - received 10/18/16 9:21 pm

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Total Comments: 142

In Favor: 12

Opposed: 130

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	<p>Kyle Taylor Lucas E-mail</p>	<p>***SEE ATTACHMENT - Word document copy of customer comment***</p> <p>Dear Commissioners and Administrative Judge Moss: Please accept my formal comments inserted below and on the attached document in response to: Puget Sound Energy - Docket UG-151663</p> <p>Kyle Taylor Lucas</p> <hr/> <p>October 19, 2016 Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss 1300 Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98502 RE: Petition of PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC., for (i) Approval of a Special Contract for Liquefied Natural Gas Fuel Service with Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Inc., and (ii) a Declaratory Order Approving the Methodology for Allocating Costs Between Regulated and Non-regulated Liquefied Natural Gas Services, Docket UG-151663 Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss: I write as a residential customer of Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to urge your denial of PSE’s request to remove the “ring fencing” protecting consumers from PSE’s plan to build an 8 million-gallon LNG liquification and storage facility at the Port of Tacoma. As a residential PSE customer, I strongly object to being forced to provide the financial guarantee for and to subsidize a risky, polluting, and dangerous scheme.</p>

Puget Sound Energy spent millions opposing my local public power effort a few years ago, so we remain hostage to a foreign private interest controlling our rates and policies. You are our only hope for fairness.

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Clearly, PSE seeks to force residential customers to subsidize and assume the risk for its LNG scheme. The proposed LNG facility offers no tangible benefit to residential customers.

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	<p>Sherri Goulet</p>	<p>E-mail</p> <p>SUBJECT: PSE LNG Proposal; DOCKET UG-151663</p> <p>Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss:</p> <p>I write to you as a residential customer of Puget Sound Energy to ask that you represent me and deny the request by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to remove the “ring fencing” that protects the consumer utility business of PSE from its plan to build an 8 million gallon LNG liquification and storage facility at the Port of Tacoma.</p> <p>Specifically, I am concerned that as a residential PSE customer, I am being asked to provide the financial guarantee for and subsidize a risky, polluting, and dangerous scheme.</p> <p>I was at the public meeting in 2008 when we were asked to testify about the Macquarie Group purchasing PSE. The overflow crowd attending that meeting was 99.9% against a foreign</p>

government purchasing our utility. You ignored the will of the people and went forward with that transaction.

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Olympia, Washington

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	Mary Abramson	Web	10/19/2016 2:25 p.m. The customer called does not have internet and would like to comment: She wants it noted that she is against the storage facility for gas in Tacoma proposed by PSE.
	Yanah Cook	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss:</p> <p>I write to you as a 23 year residential customer of Puget Sound Energy to ask that you deny the request by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to remove the “ring fencing” that protects the consumer</p>

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	<p>Laura Woodruff</p>	<p>E-mail</p>	<p>Dear UTC,</p> <p>I am writing to urge you to deny PSE's request to allow the creation of Puget LNG which is in direct violation of Macquarie's 2008 agreement with the UTC when purchasing PSE.</p> <p>Allowing PSE to create a shell company, Puget LNG, would unfairly put risk on the utility consumers you pledge to protect. The LNG facility is a risky venture for several reasons including but not limited to: LNG is considered a bridge fuel so how long will it be a viable business and, the placement of this facility is unprecedented by industry standards because it is within 3 miles of residents and other businesses and it is being placed on a fault line and in a lahar zone. Their current insurance policy and terms of lease with the Port of Tacoma state that they are not liable for damages if caused by a natural disaster, a third party, nor act of terrorism. They have already stated that they are concerned that they will be a terrorist threat, a natural disaster is plausible, and an accident caused by a third party human error is also plausible.</p> <p>And what if for some reason the permits aren't approved for the Port of Tacoma LNG facility? Or</p>

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Betsy Bullman
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Total Comments: 142

In Favor: 12

Opposed: 130

Undecided: 0

Filing Support	Commenter	Source	Comments
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Russell A. Dial

E-mail

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Yvonne McCarty

			Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.
	Gareth Barkin	E-mail	***SEE ATTACHMENT - 9/14/16 7:36 PM email Customer >> Commissioners***
	Mel and Suzanna Berglund	E-mail	<p>***SEE ATTACHMENT - 9/27/16 2:48 PM email Mel and Suzanna Berglund >> Phil Brooke***</p> <p>This email is a question directed to Phil Brooke and not a comment directed to the commission. Taken in context this person appears to be interested in the case. This commissioners were copied on this email.</p> <p>***10/13/16 6:46 pm Customer submitted comment via email***</p> <p>></p> <p>> My wife and I are writing this email because we have serious concerns regarding the funding of an LNG tank for a company that is owned by a powerful financial group from Australia.</p> <p>></p> <p>> It has come to my attention that PSE wants to use my ratepayer money to fund a portion of their proposed LNG project even though only 3% of it would actually be used for us.</p> <p>> If any other sales person were to approach me about this I would consider it a scam. However because it's our politicians and (what I thought was) a publicly owned utility I am writing to get your input.</p> <p>> This can't be true is it??</p> <p>></p> <p>> It sounds like this is simply a private/International for profit venture trying to get something for nothing from us.</p> <p>></p> <p>> As a longstanding customer of PSE I am asking the UTC to not allow PSE to build the LNG facility in Tacoma using our ratepayer money. This abuse of our money should not be allowed.</p> <p>></p> <p>> It has come to my attention that many who are more knowledgeable than me actually believe PSE is inflating the "peak shaving" portion of this project in order to use public funds to build it.</p> <p>> I have heard of this type of goings-on before and caution our little city to not be taken in by big international businesses like this.</p> <p>></p>

> To verify these possibly inflated numbers I am asking that you demand that PSE prove their historical usage in Western Washington for peak shaving.
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> Ratepayers should not have to fund a multi million dollar facility for 3 days per year of usage.
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> Do the right thing and insist PSE fund this as a private venture only.
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> This issue is getting a lot of news coverage right now and recently was on KOMO 4.
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> Sincerely,
> Mel and Suzanna Berglund
> Tacoma Resident
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Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.

COMMENT RECEIVED - 10/20/2016, 4:49 pm

The owners of PSE have sufficient litigation against them in other business ventures that they have taken risks on that it should be a STOP against them owning and operating a LNG manufacturing facility within our community. Please research this very closely.

They are a high risk investment system that is offering nothing of benefit to our community or citizens.

We don't need them and we don't want them.

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Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.

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COMMENT RECEIVED 10/20/16, 4:59 pm Please see attached Outlook message file for attachments

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I am grateful for the advocacy of the WA Attorney General's Office in the matter of Docket UG-151663, since as a residential customer I am not allowed to participate in the ongoing mediation even though it is likely to affect me directly. During this mediation process, I respectfully ask that you keep in mind the UTC's own mission statement: "to protect consumers ensuring that utility and transportation services are fairly priced, available, reliable and safe."

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	<p>Nola V. Tresslar</p>	<p>E-mail</p> <p>Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss:</p> <p>You will probably receive this letter from many people, and because I couldn't write my feelings any better, I'm copying this and sending it to you.</p> <p>I write to ask that you deny the request by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to remove the “ring fencing” that protects the consumer utility business of PSE from its plan to build an 8 million gallon LNG liquefaction and storage facility at the Port of Tacoma. Specifically, I am concerned that residential PSE customers are being asked to provide the financial guarantee for and subsidize a risky, polluting, and dangerous scheme.</p> <p>As you know, when the Australian Macquarie Group purchased PSE in 2008, the Washington UTC required “ring fencing” provisions to be added to the sale to protect residential customers from financial risk. Now PSE is asking to dismantle the ring fencing so that a shell company it created called Puget LNG can run the proposed Port of Tacoma LNG business and charge unregulated rates for natural gas.</p> <p>It is clear to me that PSE wants its residential customers to subsidize and assume the risk for its LNG scheme. The proposed LNG facility would offer no tangible benefit to residential customers.</p>

Consider the following:

Peak shaving is a tiny percent of the total project (3.5% to 7%, depending on whether one considers PSE claims or the figures provided by ECO Northwest's Economic Impact Analysis). That means that the bulk of this project (93% to 96.5%) is unregulated business. Utility ratepayers should not assume any risk for a venture that is essentially unregulated business without clear public benefit.

The need for additional peak shaving capacity doubtful, as PSE currently stores 47 billion cubic feet of natural gas at Jackson Prairie in Chehalis.

Utility ratepayers should have a place at the table in the mediations between PSE, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities. These mediations have been neither public nor transparent, and I am concerned that public interests will take a back seat.

As you know, the UTC filed a complaint against PSE for violations of pipeline-safety regulations resulting in the 2004 natural gas explosion in Seattle's Greenwood neighborhood. PSE could face up to \$3.2 million in penalties. Although this was a relatively small leak, it injured nine firefighters and damaged two buildings. PSE cannot be trusted with an 8 million gallon LNG facility connected to hundreds of miles of pipeline.

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Sincerely,

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	Rochele Gardner	Web	<p>NO LNG and NO rate hikes</p> <p>***SEE ATTACHMENT - Customer sent second comment via mail received 10/10/16***</p> <p>***Third Comment received 10/14/16 9:29 am***</p> <p>Dear UTC</p> <p>As a ratepayer and customer of Puget Sound Energy (PSE), I am asking the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) not to allow PSE to build the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility in Tacoma using ratepayer money. I believe PSE (which is a private company) may be inflating the "peak shaving" portion of this project to use public funds to build it. Please demand that PSE proves their historical usage in Western Washington for peak shaving. Ratepayers should not have to fund a multi-million-dollar facility for three days per year of usage. Please do the right thing and insist PSE fund this as a private venture only should they move forward.</p> <p>I will continue to follow this closely, in addition to many other concerned citizens. PSE's method of funding is garnering much media and public exposure and will continue to do so.</p> <p>Sincerely, Rochele Gardner Tacoma</p>
	Phil Brooke	E-mail	<p>***Customer >> PubInvolve@utc.wa.gov 7/26/16, 5:23PM***</p> <p>***SEE ATTACHMENT - PSE LNG ground lease with Port of Tacoma***</p> <p>Greetings, WUTC:</p> <p>I wanted to provide you with a copy of the PSE-LNG ground lease with the Port of Tacoma, as it</p>

may be cogent to the current matter you are considering. Much of your firm objection to PSE's petition is due to exposing ratepayers to unregulated business venture financial and operational risk in a venture PSE admits is too risky to go it alone.

Possibly relevant to your proceedings, as these are standard ground lease terms, also offered to the now defunct methanol refinery, terms and a lease which Port of Tacoma Commissioners concluded was severely flawed, as the ground lease may have left Port of Tacoma taxpayers fully exposed to a number of very very common catastrophic loss scenarios.

Respectfully submitted for the record,

Phil Brooke
Summit-Waller, WA
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253.531.3353

Customer >> public comment web form 7/26/16

RE: Docket #151663. Speaking as a private citizen, who is a corporate risk manager by profession, I'm watching PSE's extensive campaign of LNG half-truths in the Pierce County area, and have serious concerns with the way they have characterized this project with the public. First, their PR campaign does not reply on the actual facts or science around large scale LNG. I wanted to get some of this into your official record. PSE has not been forthcoming with their plans to produce and store, and transport LNG within the urban core of Tacoma, WA. Only 7% of this facility's production would be designated for 'peak-shaving' activities. Federal regulation of LNG was authored by the LNG industry and is highly inadequate to protect the public. PSE continues to appeal release of safety data to the public--an appeal pushed out to January 2017. From what I can currently surmise, they provided incomplete information to the EFSEC, as a way to move SEPA lead agency to the City of Tacoma. Some reference materials for your benefit:

Tacoma Weekly Op-Ed on the secrecy surrounding safety information:
<http://www.tacomaweekly.com/news/article/our-view-those-with-nothing-to-hide-hide-nothing>

Tarika Powell Presentation on LNG:

<http://www.neighborhoodparish.org/tarika-powell---lng-presentation.html>

Sightline Institute-search for LNG:
www.sightline.org

Tacoma Weekly guest article:

<http://www.tacomaweekly.com/news/article/guest-editorial-the-lng-fairy-tale-as-told-by-pse/>

Peak-shaving itself (again, only 7% of the project) is all about corporate profits, and not benefiting local ratepayers. PSE has cancelled public presentations on LNG and refuses to meet with the public. LNG production using fracked natural gas in this case comes at the expense of community safety and significant upstream pollution/impacts. Placing 2 million utility ratepayers at financial and operational risk and violating 6 ring fencing requirements of the PSE agreement makes absolutely no sense. Please stand firm in your strong opposition to this proposal.

Sincerely,
Phil Brooke

Customer >> PubInvolve@utc.wa.gov 7/27/16, 1:04 PM

RE: Docket #151663. Speaking as a private citizen with a personal interest in LNG risk, who is a corporate risk manager by profession, I'm watching PSE's extensive & expensive PR campaign of LNG half-truths in the Pierce County area, and have serious concerns with the way they have characterized this project with the general public. First, their PR campaign minimizes the risks and scientific facts around large scale LNG, then compares the project to a true peak shaving storage unit less than 1 percent its size. I wanted to get some of this into your official record.

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Please stand firm in your strong opposition to this proposal. It is inspiring.

Sincerely,

Phil Brooke

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Customer >> Public Comment Web Form 8/17/16 1:55

Why are only certain public comments submitted to the WUTC appearing on the Docket? I submitted 2 emails related to PSE's proposed LNG facility in Tacoma via email last month, neither of which appear, however, other citizen's comments have been attached to the docket.
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			<p>/>Please advise at your earliest. Thank you!</p> <p>***SEE ATTACHMENTS - For additional comments from this customer contained in 6 attachments***</p>
	Margaret Ainscough	E-mail	<p>As a Puget Sound Energy customer, I am OPPOSED to Puget Sound Energy's request under UTC Docket # 151663.</p> <p>Margaret Ainscough 610 N M St Tacoma WA 98403</p> <p>***Customer >> public comment web form 7/26/16***</p> <p>I am opposed to the proposal to hold ratepayers responsible for the proposed LNG plant. I am also opposed to construction of the plant in Tacoma.</p> <p>***Customer >> public comment web form 7/26/16***</p> <p>I am opposed to the proposal to hold ratepayers responsible for the proposed LNG plant. I am also opposed to construction of the plant in Tacoma.</p>
	Mrs. Teodora	Web	<p>Dear UTC commissioners,

Please keep in place the protections established in 2008 for utility customers. In 2015 Puget Sound Energy petitioned to have those "ring fencing" protections removed, placing its 2 million customers at financial risk for private ventures (Puget LNG). LNG is a risky business, PSE's plans (both financial and safety) are riddled with unanswered questions and contradictions and frankly do not inspire confidence. It is doubly unfair to burden customers with only the financial risk and not the reward of private business ventures, and do so when customers have virtually no voice in a business' decisions and operations. The utility customer protections established in 2008 must remain intact to protect PSE customers. Thank you for your consideration. Teodora Weisdepp, Tacoma Resident/PSE customer</p>

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	Joann McGovern	Web	I am writing to strongly urge you to keep in place the utility customer protections established in 2008 when Australian investment bank Macquarie Group purchased Puget Sound Energy (PSE). PSE petitioned UTC in August 2015 to remove those ring-fencing provisions protecting the 2 million regional PSE utility customers from financial harm possible as a result of PSE's LNG business venture, Puget LNG, under the proposed ownership structure. It is unfair for rate payers to be responsible for PSE screw ups.
	Timothy Waters	Web	I am adamantly against holding ratepayers liable for the proposed plant, which I am also against.
	Leah Boehm Brady	Web	Regarding PSE Petition for Declaratory Order, Docket UG-151663 Dear UTC Commissioners, I am writing to beg you to keep in place the utility consumer protections established in 2008 when Australian investment bank purchased PSE. This is vital to protect 2 million customers from financial harm. Moreover, please do not allow these foreign investors to create a 'shell company' to oversee this proposal. PSE must be responsible, on all levels for this proposed factory. Roger Garrett at the Port of Tacoma said that only7% of the gas there is for utility customers, so why should the people be taking a risk? Make the foreign owners be responsible. I rely on your good judgement, and protection for the people. PSE's Puget LNG proposal presents too many safety risks too, with proximity to homes and schools in case of an emergency, and too many financial risks for consumers. I am retired, on a fixed income. I hate it that PSE is trying to make me, along with other utility customers take risks with them. I already have a huge bill. If they pass on their fees, I don't know how I will make my bills, and like many others, I too can be in financial trouble. Please protect the people and vote NO on the PSE proposal. thank you, Sincerely, Leah Boehm Brady />
	William Kupinse	E-mail	Dear Washington Utilities and Trade Commission, Shirley Schultz, and Ian Munce: I write as a long-time resident of Tacoma to ask that a supplemental EIS (SEIS) be opened for Puget Sound Energy's LNG facility planned for the Port of Tacoma. I write to the WUTC, SEPA

Officer Shirley Schultz, and Tacoma City Planner Ian Munce as I believe that any one of these parties is in the position to initiate a supplemental EIS.

The most significant reason for my request is that records obtained by Tacoma citizens' groups have revealed that PSE, which is owned by the privately held Australian Macquarie Group, has created a shell company owned by private equity investors called "Puget LNG" in an attempt to avoid proper state oversight. PSE/Puget LNG is petitioning the state to relax its "ring fencing" rules that were designed to protect Washington state utility customers when Macquarie purchased PSE back in 2008. The result is that state utility customers could be liable for Puget LNG's speculation in building a liquid natural gas processing and storage facility far larger than the demonstrated customer interest by TOTE Shipping. A recent article in the Tacoma Weekly explains the scheme well: <http://www.tacomaweekly.com/news/article/lng-plants-business-plan-raises-concern-with-state-utility-watchers>

Here is what the Washington State Attorney General's office had to say about the Puget LNG scheme in a May 18, 2016 filing, "RESPONSE BRIEF OF PUBLIC COUNSEL FIRST PHASE — BIFURCATED PROCEEDING," which Tacoma citizens have accessed through a public records request:

So risky is the enterprise that PSE states emphatically that it will not embark upon these risky waters unless PSE's customers also climb into the boat along with the company to share the risks. PSE states: "[a]bsent the assumption of such greater business and financial risk, the Tacoma LNG Facility will not be built[.]

I believe that since the original EIS was conducted under the name "Puget Sound Energy," and since Puget Sound Energy is also the entity that has signed a lease with the Port of Tacoma, proceeding without an additional supplemental EIS may well be a violation of various state laws. The EIS that was conducted in no way represents the plan being pursued by Puget LNG, either in its corporate structure or in its scope.

Additionally, as I have communicated previously to Shirley Schultz, the LNG project has changed substantially from its initial proposal. Among those changes is the fact that PSE now plans to use the Blair waterway rather than the Hylebos waterway. This change creates new potential risks and environmental impacts, and thus merits a new round of public comment and evaluation.

Furthermore, since the public comment period ended for the initial EIS, media outlets have since reported that PSE has actively sought to suppress crucial safety information about the project's blast zone. The Superior Court of the State of Washington has repeatedly ruled that the public has a right to this information that could profoundly impact the health of Tacoma residents, yet the privately owned PSE continues to appeal these decisions and to withhold this essential information.

Thank you for your consideration. I would appreciate it if you would inform me of any further developments regarding the PSE/"Puget LNG" proposal, particularly as they relate to my request for a supplemental EIS. Notification by email would be my preference, but I have also included my mailing address below.

Sincerely,

William Kupinse
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Tacoma, WA 98407

SEE ATTACHMENT - email 9/12/16 3:17 PM Customer >> Commissioners

Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.

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	Roxann Murray	E-mail	<p>I want to make it known (and I want the comment made public) that I, and many other Tacoma residents, do not want the LNG facility to be built. It is too dangerous for the community and "natural" gas is not cleaner than other fossil fuels. PSE claims that using LNG will help reduce carbon greenhouse gas emissions. That is not true. According to the EPA methane has a warming potential more than 25 times greater than carbon dioxide. They are trading one greenhouse gas emission for another (only much worse). But according to new research, those numbers are inaccurate. It is actually more than 25 times.</p> <p>Although PSE has said LNG is safe, when a citizen filed a public information request that would reveal the safety risks, PSE filed an injunction to prevent public disclosure.</p> <p>Here are a few articles that you need to read: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-first-ever-standards-cut-methane-emissions-oil-and-gas-sector http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/19/science/methane-leaks-in-natural-gas-supply-chain-far-exceed-estimates-study-says.html?_r=0 http://www.sightline.org/2016/01/13/tacoma-steering-into-uncertain-waters/ http://www.sightline.org/2016/02/08/how-industry-and-regulators-kept-public-in-the-dark-after-2014-lng-explosion-in-washington/ http://www.sightline.org/2016/05/17/tacomas-proposed-lng-plant-raises-safety-concerns/ http://www.seattletimes.com/business/new-york-denies-critical-permit-for-natural-gas-pipeline/ http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2015/08/20/3692726/epa-wrong-methanes-warming-impact/ http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2013/10/02/2708911/fracking-ipcc-methane/ http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-bad-of-a-greenhouse-gas-is-methane/</p> <p>-RMurray</p>

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	Donna Albert	E-mail	<p>Dear Commissioners David Danner, Philip Jones, and Ann Rendahl, and Administrative Judge Dennis Moss:</p> <p>I write to you not as a residential customer of Puget Sound Energy but as a person who will be negatively affected by climate change. I ask that PSE abandon its plan to build an 8 million gallon LNG liquification and storage facility at the Port of Tacoma. In order to avoid exceeding 2 degrees C of warming, we must not build any more long-lived fossil fuel infrastructure. This new fossil fuel facility will enable the extraction and burning of fossil fuels for 50 years or more. COP 21, the international climate agreement recently signed by more than 100 countries, has a goal of staying below 1.5 degrees C of warming, which requires leaving most of the fossil fuels already accessible in the ground. Unless we intend to exceed the limits set in COP 21, and unless we plan to leave a devastated planet to our children, this proposed plant cannot be built. If built, it would have to be abandoned long before the end of its lifetime, at a financial loss to PSE customers. You must consider the the very large external consequences of building any major fossil fuel infrastructure. This pollution affects all of us, and affects our children thousands of years into the future. PSE should be investing in a rapid transition to nearly 100% wind, water and solar electricity. Dr. Mark Jacobson of Stanford University has developed such a plan for Washington State. Socially responsible companies will not invest in fossil fuel infrastructure.</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>

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	Timothy P. Downes	E-mail	Please see attachment for a letter on public comment in support of the PSE/LNG request. Thank You for your time! Timothy P. Downes Business Agent Plumbers & Steamfitters U.A. Local 26 8501 Zenith Ct. NE. Lacey Wa.98516 360-486-9309 Office 253-606-8799 Cell timdownes@ua26.org
	Jeff Brown	In person	***Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.***
	Hartleigh Caine	In person	***Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.***
	Denise Dyer	In person	***Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.***
	Javier Figueroa	In person	***Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.***
	Todd Iverson	In person	***Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.***
	Bruce Kendall	In person	***Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.***
	Jane Knottingham	In person	***Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.***
	Mark P Martinez	In person	***Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.***
	Dean McGrath	In person	***Spoke at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.***

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