Here are my comments on dockets UE-160918 and UG-160919, concerning Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) two year integrated resource plans for electric and natural gas service in Washington State:

I urge the WUTC to ACT RESPONSIBLY -- AND DO YOUR PART -- TO PROTECT EARTH'S CLIMATE.

I urge the WUTC to REQUIRE PSE to SET A MUCH EARLIER DATE to retire Colstrip Units 3&4. That date should be SOONER than 2025.

Colstrip Units 3&4 POLLUTE THE ATMOSPHERE IN WAYS THAT SERIOUSLY HURT EARTH'S CLIMATE!!!!!

If the WUTC allows them to operate until 2035, the WUTC would be PREVENTING WASHINGTON STATE FROM MEETING ITS LEGALLY BINDING GOAL for reducing greenhouse gases in 2035.

Therefore, YOU MUST CLOSE Colstrip Units 3&4 by 2025 at the very latest!!!!!

A 2025 closure date would also be consistent with Governor Inslee's Executive Order 14-04, which directed the WUTC to use THE FULL SCOPE OF YOUR AUTHORITY to reduce the consumption of coal fired electricity in Washington.

Operating Colstrip Units 3&4 beyond 2025 would REQUIRE EXPENSIVE air pollution control upgrades. That ADDITIONAL EXPENSE WOULD VIOLATE the WUTC's legal requirement for a "least cost energy mix."

Overall, I urge the WUTC to work with all regulated utilities here to replace retiring coal with clean, renewable energy. WE NEED TO PROMPTLY PHASE OUT NATURAL GAS TOO.

METHANE LEAKS FROM NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION AND MANUFACTURING.

METHANE IS A SERIOUS GREENHOUSE GAS.

I implore the WUTC to push hard to help Washington meet our 2035 and 2050 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

THE BEST SOLUTIONS -- for ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY -- and for CLIMATE SUSTAINABILITY -- are energy sources that are NOT FOSSIL FUELS OF ANY KIND.

The WUTC has legitimate authority to take responsible action. I URGE YOU TO USE YOUR FULL AUTHORITY TO PROTECT OUR CLIMATE!!!

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