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My Public Comment on The Hearing on PSE's long-term energy plan:

I am a college graduate, wife, mother, volunteer and daughter of two parents fighting cancer. My affiliations are with Earthjustice and Food and Water Watch.

I support a carbon-free future and I strongly oppose PSE's, plans to build an LNG terminal in Tacoma due to human health, human rights, and environmental concerns over hydraulic fracturing for LNG, which leaks methane into our air and introduces radiation and toxic chemicals into vast amounts of our Nations water supply; chemicals stated by the EPA to cause cancer, immune system deficiencies, changes in body weight and blood chemistry and to be specifically toxic to most of our major organs and to human reproduction and development and known to have caused the death of fish and aquatic life. The industry cannot clean its' wastewater and routinely dumps it underground and into fresh water aquifers. The EPA states that these chemicals have already made it into some of our drinking water. In California, where fracking has worsened the drought, a regulatory loophole allows oil companies, who have applied for a permit, to sell "recycled" oil industry wastewater, including fracked water, to farmers to irrigate their conventional and organic crops, even though it contains chemicals not allowed in drinking water. Why is this allowed? A series of regulatory and statutory decisions passed by our trusted servants in government from 1980-2005, granted the oil and gas industry exemptions from most of our Nation's key protective environmental laws, leaving our citizens with virtually no legal defense against being poisoned by the industry. These laws are illegitimate because they violate every citizens' right to clean air and water. I am supported by a growing number of countries, states, counties, cities and townships who are enacting fracking bans or moratoriums due to increasing environmental concerns. Ireland sited the impact on U.S. citizens as the reason for its' ban.

I have been following this industry since 2012. Most of my information comes from The EPA's FracFocus, The LA Times, The MI Watershed Council, The Community-Environmental Legal Defense Fund, Food and Water Watch, and Earthjustice. When I hand this in, I am also attaching pertinent information for The Energy Commissioners to use in their decision, including resolutions against fracking from San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sonoma Counties, info on wastewater used on California crops and info on regulations and exemptions governing hydraulic fracturing.