

Commissioners Mr. Danner, Ms Rendahl and Mr Balasbas.

I am writing to respectfully request that your consideration of the 20 year energy plan PSE focuses on the long term impact of their proposals. As a resident of Woodinville WA and a PSE customer I believe we have obligation not only to current residents but future residents to insist that the PSE plan not only takes into consideration the energy needs of its customers but the environmental, climate and social justice impact of their decisions. The economic impact of the proposals should not only take into consideration the more easily determined costs of infrastructure, transportation etc. but also the unrecognized costs of the negative environmental impact these choices may have on our communities, the lost economic gains that could result from moving towards clean energy, the lost leadership opportunities on the global stage and the moral failure to honor treaties made with others. The unfortunate situation of a utility that serves us all having a for profit motive (to a non-US based parent!) leads me to question whether the decisions that are being made are in our best long-term interests.

We cannot know exactly what the long-term impacts of climate change will be, who will be impacted the most or when we will reach the tipping point, but we do know that damage caused by climate change will be catastrophic to much of the world's population and the cost of climate mitigation will be enormous. The wildfires in BC, Eastern WA and CA are indications that the destructive damage caused by climate change may strike close to home. We also know that the rate of carbon dioxide buildup has recently reversed its downward course and is beginning to creep up and that the US is not taking a global leadership role. Our state is committed to the Paris Climate Accords, meeting these targets requires a utility grid that is sourced from renewable energies. Fracked Gas is not an environmentally friendly source of energy, the process of fracking is destructive, energy intensive and results in the release of methane which may make fracked gas as harmful if not more harmful than coal. The infrastructure for transporting and storing the fracked gas is unsightly, costly and potentially dangerous not only to the environment but to human life. In addition, PSE has shown its lack of concern for the environment and to its commitments by beginning the building of LNG storage facility without the required permits on disputed land protect by a treaty. For these reasons it is important that we take a principled stand.

Fortunately doing so will not necessarily cost us more as rate payers. Our neighboring public utilities are able to provide energy from renewable sources to their customers at a lower rate. Certainly, PSE could do the same.

I urge the commissioners to:

Require PSE to require PSE to end its use of coal as an energy source. PSE's proposal to continue using the Montana's coal strip plant until 2035 is unacceptable and goes against the express wishes of King County, Seattle and Olympia.

Require PSE to move toward renewable, green energy not trade coal for Fracked LNG. The cost of Gas plants and building the LNG infrastructure is huge and as a rate payer is not a cost I wish to assume. CA and Oregon are reexamining and slowing plans for LNG recognizing that this is outmoded form of energy and that new energy storage technologies make wind, solar, water more reliable and practical. Washington should not only follow their example but take a leadership role.

Encourage as much conservation as possible, we have seen that energy efficiency is the least costly option of all.

Recognize that although we cannot assign a dollar figure on the cost of policies that have a negative impact on our communities, damage the environment and contribute to climate change we know they will be large and it is our obligation to not pass these costs onto future rate payers. Recognize too that these costs have a global impact.

Thank you

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