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Dear Commissioners,

Puget Sound Energy's long-term plan lacks the vision for a carbon-free future that Washington residents expect from our state's largest utility. And frankly it is dangerous.

Catastrophic climate change due to burning fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions such as methane leaking from natural gas infrastructure, is already upon us. People all over the world are impacted by devastating floods, drought, and food insecurity exacerbated by global warming, and this is already having a destabilizing effect on governments and their people.

The time is now for PSE to transition to clean energy. To do otherwise is reckless at best, and brings all of us - including those of you who live and work at Puget Sound Energy - closer to facing a world beyond 2 or 3 degrees C average global temperature rise. In such a world, heatwaves will render many regions (North Africa, Middle East) uninhabitable; where 40% of plant and animal species and entire coral reef systems are at risk of extinction; and where food yields drop from weather extremes, crop failures, and increased weed and pest invasions. A 4 degree C increase, which many world leaders and climate scientists fear is in our future if we don't change now, would reduce US commodity crops production from 63-82% and where sea level rise would inundate two-thirds of the world's major cities.

This is the world we are facing if we do not stop polluting our atmosphere with coal-fired power plants like at Colstrip and methane (natural gas) leaking from all along the PSE's supply chain.

Every year that Colstrip operates is another year lost to a possible transition away from fossil fuels and millions of tons more carbon pollution released into the atmosphere. Every dollar invested in new LNG infrastructure hurtles us toward this dangerous future. The longer PSE waits to convert to renewable energy, the more expensive the transition will be - for your shareholders, your customers and future generations.

The majority of Americans, and your customers of which I am one, are concerned about the future that climate change brings and expect that you act responsibly and

deliver a plan that transitions the grid off fossil fuels.

Signed

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