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Comments on Puget Sound Energy's Proposal to Lower Clean Energy Targets for 2024 and 2025 (Docket UE-210795)

Vashon Climate Action Group (VCAG) requests that the Commission deny Puget Sound Energy's request to lower its interim clean energy targets. We strongly support the comments submitted by UTC staff <<https://apiproxy.utc.wa.gov/cases/GetDocument?docID=1358&year=2021&docketNumber=210795>> and by Washington Clean Energy Coalition asking that PSE's request be denied.

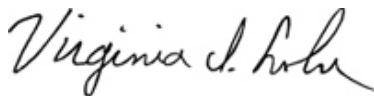
VCAG members have been imploring PSE to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions for many years. We have presented oral and written comments at meetings held by PSE and at Commission meetings. We even had three members actively serve on PSE's Technical Advisory Group reviewing the 2019 Integrated Resource Plan.

We are on the brink of a climate catastrophe. We have already crossed several important climate tipping points. We do not have time to delay in reducing emissions because of PSE's poor planning and refusal for many years to incorporate well-established climate science in their decision making. One example is PSE's refusal to use future weather modeling data when predicting future energy needs, even though both the Commission and members of the public, including VCAG members, pointed out the need to do so (see, for example: <https://apiproxy.utc.wa.gov/cases/GetDocument?docID=1581&year=2016&docketNumber=160918>). When PSE did finally use it, they admitted that it provided useful information for their forecasts.

In the staff submission for this docket (link above), we particularly want to note our support for their comments regarding public participation in the section on "Procedural equity." As members of the public who have been actively participating, we believe public input is vital. As history has shown, without effective public input that is considered seriously, the public interest is not well served.

Thank you for considering our input. Please deny this request.

Sincerely,



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On behalf of Vashon Climate Action Group Leadership Team