

From: [Doyle, Samantha \(UTC\)](#)
To: [UTC DL Records Center](#)
Subject: FW: UTC survey
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Afternoon,

Please also add the email below to Docket U-210553.

Thanks!

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From: Chris Goelz <abelgoelz99@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Doyle, Samantha (UTC) <samantha.doyle@utc.wa.gov>
Subject: UTC survey

External Email

Hi Samantha

I just completed the survey and included my input there. But I've been wanting to reach out to the UTC, so when your email popped up, I decided to drop you a note.

I'm participating in the formulation of our Climate Action Plan here on Mercer Island. It's all about electrification, which assumes that the clean energy will be there in a timeframe that is going to hopefully keep us below 2 degrees of warming.

But I just think we need to do something to drive conservation and I think it can only happen on a statewide basis for a number of reasons. My first thought is that we need a progressive energy tax. We'd tax natural gas and a portion of electricity based on the mix of fossil in the electric pool. Maybe it applies to the top 50% of residential users, maybe the top 30%. And even after that, the taxing % goes up with use. It should have some waiver for those who can demonstrate hardship. It seems to me it would drive down use generally as well as drive people from gas to electricity.

I know anything like this will probably be immensely unpopular, but given where we are in the climate crisis, we can't afford to let people continue to be extravagant in their energy use.

Please forward my thoughts along to whomever would be most appropriate or let me know who I should reach out to.

Thanks for your work.
Chris Goelz

Sent from my iPad