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Dear Commissioners,

Please consider the following comment regarding the cost of gas-fired plants relative to renewable sources. My concern is encouraged by PSE's draft [Request for Proposals](#) (RFP) for *All Generation Sources* to provide new electric generating capacity for PSE in 2022 or later as set forth upon their website ( <https://pse.com/aboutpse/EnergySupply/Pages/Acquiring-Energy.aspx> ).

I encourage both PSE's staff and yours to become familiar with the report "*The Economics of Clean Energy Portfolios*" recently published by the Rocky Mountain Institute ([https://www.rmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/RMI\\_Executive\\_Summary\\_Economics\\_of\\_Clean\\_Energy\\_Portfolios.pdf](https://www.rmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/RMI_Executive_Summary_Economics_of_Clean_Energy_Portfolios.pdf)).

This report specifically addresses the subject of how renewable and distributed energy resources are currently out-competing, and will likely strand investments made in Natural Gas-Fired Generation beyond this point in time.

The report is comprehensive, very convincing and its conclusions deserve to be addressed.

Again, we would appreciate it if you bring it to the attention of the electric utilities that are under your regulation in our state.

Sincerely,

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