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I attended today's hearing in Renton; and I was very encouraged by the number of individuals, including elected officials, workers in the health care industry, plus high school and university students who commented on PSE's IRP.

I'm originally from Western Pennsylvania and I've seen first hand the devastating effects of the fossil fuel industry within the state. More recently, with the Marcellus Shale find, hydraulic fracking promoted a boom for the natural gas industry. The Allegheny National Forest (ANF) in W.PA is a treasure where you will find black bear, white tailed deer, many bird species and reptiles. Plus it's recreational opportunities include hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, snow shoeing and cross country skiing. However, the gas industry put it's sight on the ANF and began a destructive assault on this national treasure. Not only creating more greenhouse gas which contributes to climate change, but also destroying the beauty of the land, destruction of old growth forest areas, plus degradation to plant and wildlife.

PSE's continued commitment to using fossil fuels, including the proposed LNG facility at the Port of Tacoma would allow fracked gas from Canada and the US to continue to assault our once pristine national treasures. Fracked gas pipelines would devastate wild areas while continuing to pollute our air, water and land.

Even PSE's website states that they advocate renewables and state that these resources do not run out and they have **dramatically** lower pollution rates than fossil fuels. So why would they invest \$300,000,000 in a LNG facility?

It's not cost effective when you consider the cost of damage to our health, wildlife habitat, plant life plus the increase in climate change effects of hurricanes, wildfires and water scarcity.

Sincerely,

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