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Dear Commissioners Danner, Rendahl, and Balasbas,

My name is Jane Lindley. I am a Puget Sound Energy ratepayer from Bainbridge Island.

I believe it is in the public interest to replace PSE's coal-generated electricity with renewable energy as they decommission Colstrip.

Puget Sound Energy's 20-year Integrated Resources Plan (IRP), makes it clear that without stronger regulations (and the two that are referenced are the federal Clean Power Plan and WA state's Clean Air Rule) they will not bring any new renewable energy online.

In the IRP their 20-year recommendations are for:

- Gas Peaker plants,
- Tacoma's Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) plant,
- gas from British Columbia, and
- continued operation of Colstrip.

The IRP indicates that PSE can meet the Energy Independence Act's Renewable Portfolio Standard of 9% now and 15% starting 2020 by using Renewable Energy Credits (RECs).

***Please raise the Energy Independence Act's Renewable Portfolio Standard high enough to make renewable resources more attractive than fossil fuels. Mitigating climate change is in the public interest.***

Washington is uniquely positioned to be the first state in the nation to achieve a carbon-free grid. We have the greenest constituency, a legacy of innovation, and nearly two-thirds of our power already comes from hydro. In short, if Washington can't do it, no one can.

That means our utilities need to transition entirely off of fossil fuels to a 100% carbon-free grid. A carbon-free grid is the anchor for decarbonization. We need to clean up our grid so that we can electrify transportation and industrial processes. There is no way for WA to meet its climate commitments without getting dirty fossil fuels out of our power mix. As our state's largest utility, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) has a particular responsibility to lead the way.

Thank you,

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