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Dear Washington UTC,

I urge the WA Utility and Transportation Commission to deny Puget Sound Energy's requests to add natural gas power plants. Such plans are not in the interest of customers or the WA State because they will result in increased global warming emissions. Natural gas producers have resisted regular pipeline inspections to quickly detect and stop methane leaks from wellhead to final destination. They continue to flare methane which we now know is highly polluting and not the clean energy source that we've thought. Perhaps if natural gas producers would take methane leakage and flaring seriously on a national basis, they could back up their long-standing claims that natural gas is clean. Until then, our state through WA UTC action needs to stop Puget Sound Energy's ambitions to increase natural gas infrastructure.

Thank you for caring about the air we breathe.
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I am writing to ask the Utilities and Transportation Commission to not allow Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to build new gas power plants for their long-range electricity plan and to reduce their use of gas for the long-range gas plan.

According to the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), natural gas is far more damaging to the climate than previously thought. Gas may be as bad as coal for the climate. And natural gas certainly is not "natural" when the impacts of hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" to extract gas is poisoning groundwater in communities across the country.

Our new 100% clean electricity law -- the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) -- requires all utilities to be 80% fossil fuel free by 2030 and 100% by 2045. The last thing we need to do is build new gas power plants that would be around for decades. The intent of CETA is to wind down on gas power in our electricity, not ramp it up.

Our new state law that establishes science-based fossil fuel reductions that come from the IPCC, call for 95% reductions by 2050 and 70% reductions by 2040. Yet PSE's long-range plan for its gas utility shows virtually no reductions for the next 20 years. PSE fails to follow recommendations in Washington's new State Energy Strategy that identifies moving buildings from gas to electricity as a key strategy for climate protection.

Enough is enough. PSE must take climate change seriously before it is too late. Please reject PSE's electricity and gas plans.

Sincerely,

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