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Dear Commissioners,

For Docket U-180907, please find attached an article I wrote about the WUTC in March 2018 that was published in the King County Bar Association's *Bar Bulletin*. It addresses the woefully inadequate regulatory power of the WUTC to influence — let alone prevent an unnecessary private utility project that will serve only to line PSE's owners' pockets but harm the public interest.

CENSE's well-researched and documented submittal to you today, authored by its president, Don Marsh, details the folly and fraud behind PSE's Energize Eastside project.

The attached article makes one modest proposal: the WUTC can and should, on its own initiative, issue non-binding advisory opinions about proposed new projects which make no sense, such as PSE's Energize Eastside. Perhaps that would deter folly before it began.

Do we really have to see PSE's \$300,000,000 boondoggle built and 5,000 trees cut down before you disapprove payment for it? How is that a good idea? And when has the WUTC ever denied reimbursement to a utility after it built an expensive project? Even the power that you do have you do not use, and PSE's investors are counting on that.

Sincerely,

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