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Dear UTC Commissioners,

Is it truly that hard to think of others? I know most of you will keel over before the consequences of your actions will be felt- but unlike you I actually think of people other than myself. I also don't value an ugly green piece of paper or a few more zeros in my bank account more than living, breathing people. Not that many of us will be breathing that well if you don't get your stuff together. Clean Energy makes jobs, makes our energy grid at least a little less awful, and looks pretty cool. I don't get what the delay is bud. If you won't listen to the people yelling at you to make cleaner energy are you really going to listen to the people yelling that they don't want their precious ocean view obscured by wind mills? What is there in Eastern Washington that is preventing you from slapping some big solar panels on those empty hills??? I've been to the East, there is nothing there. Even if that isn't in your zone or whatever, you are just as capable as me to send an email or yell at some poor employees until you get your way. I kept the script I got below but I thought this was funner to type out pretty cathartic too, if anybody actually reads this. Also ACAB baby!!

The next 20 years are a critical time — to deny this is to deny science and common sense. Puget Sound Energy's draft 2021 Integrated Resource Plan fails to align with 2019's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) requiring utilities to be 80 percent carbon free by 2030, which must be achieved by building more renewable energy and storage infrastructure sooner, retiring the Colstrip coal plant before 2025, and cancelling the Tacoma LNG and any other planned fossil gas plants, expansions or pipelines.

As Washington's largest, and most expensive, energy utility, Puget Sound Energy will be instrumental to determining if our state can achieve its climate goals. To see PSE's initial draft of this critical 20-year plan include building and expanding fossil fuel infrastructure while exploiting the cost cap loophole in the Energy Transformation Act is frustrating and worrisome; it should not be allowed to stand.

Planning for future investments should involve an equity evaluation that analyzes potential impacts on Treaty rights, communities already experiencing health disparities and high levels of pollution, and communities that have been historically marginalized. This evaluation should span the project's life cycle impacts. Fossil fuel extraction and refining, including fossil gas, has a long and ugly history of harm through land and resource theft; man camps that have been linked to the epidemic of missing and murdered Indigenous women and the disruption of small communities; destruction of habitat and the ability to subsist off the land; and processes that leave behind communities rocked by cancer, birth defects, and other serious health concerns. It's time to leave these practices in the past and invest in less harmful energy.

As customers, we have a stake in the harm PSE's energy plans cause to communities, climate, and future generations: by using and paying for the energy we are complicit, and we are demanding better. We are also demanding more transparency in how PSE forecasts future energy demand, inquiry into the validity of construction costs passed onto customers, and a public engagement process that facilitates customers and stakeholders having an actual say in where our money goes and the implications of what powers our homes.

Sincerely,
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