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RE: UE 160918; UG 160919

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing this letter as a Washington resident and PSE customer. I am very upset about the energy plans PSE is proposing for the future. The IRP written by PSE seeking approval to build a new LNG plan with a 40-year life span is not acceptable. New technologies and fossil fuel limitations will make the plant obsolete and expensive. LNG is also NOT a viable alternative to coal plan closures. LNG emits methane, a more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. Fracking also has multiple environmental and negative public health effects that exclude its use in any environmentally sustainable energy program. It is very concerning that there is a potential conflict of interest with PSE and the needs of Washington residents, given the profit motivation to satisfy shareholders of Macquarie Consortium which holds the fourth largest gas production and distribution company in the U.S. It is also very concerning that the CEO of PSE, Kimberly Harris, is slated to become the vice president of the American Gas Association. How can I not believe that this position will influence her priorities?

Renewable technologies are becoming cheaper and better all the time. Washington State has good potential for use of wind and solar, and an abundance of hydropower. Strong investment in renewables is a better long term business decision as well as the only decision morally and scientifically appropriate to address the devastation, both current and in the future, of climate change. This is the time in history to address these issues boldly with a vision for the future of our children and grandchildren. There is a popular saying "Think globally, act locally". This is indeed an opportunity to do just that. Please act in the best interests of the public in this matter. Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,



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