

**Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Hearing  
Puget Sound Energy's Integrated Resource Plan  
Docket numbers UE-160918 and UG-160919  
February 21, 2018**

Good afternoon,

My name is Margo Rolf. I am from Saltwater UU Church in Des Moines. As a resident of King County and as a customer and ratepayer of gas and electric services provided by Puget Sound Energy, I urge PSE to include in its long-term plan a provision for the goal of 100% clean and sustainable energy instead of that produced by burning fossil fuels. In order to accomplish that, a first step is to set a deadline of 2025 for the closing of Plants 3 and 4 at Colstrip Electric Power Plant. This is crucial. Secondly, it is vital that the next step is not to build gas-fired facilities to replace coal. We all know that coal is the dirtiest, but methane (natural gas) has its own potent destructive greenhouse gas effects. We must not lock ourselves into another twenty or twenty-five years of Greenhouse Gas electricity.

I am a retired school teacher and when asked what are you doing in your retirement I usually answer I spend as much time as I can with my only grandson, and I work to stop climate change, however I can. Obviously, in my mind those two actions are related. I want a safe world for him and future generations. I do my best also to live as climate-minded as possible. I think carbon. So as I approached my 77<sup>th</sup> birthday I gave a lot of thought to what is probably the last car I will ever purchase. I studied hard to make the right climate decision. I chose a Chevrolet Bolt, a plug-in, an electric vehicle, one that does not use gasoline. However, there is still a problem. When I plug in to recharge my car, I am using PSE energy. The good part is that about 41% of that electricity is clean, though not all sustainable. The bad part is that the other almost 59% is mainly from fossil fuels....37% of which comes from Colstrip, a dirty coal-burning facility. I am still contributing to the rise of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere that will continue to affect our earth more than a hundred years from now.

Puget Sound Energy needs to do better because we all need to do better..

Certainly, PSE has a right to reasonable profit, but with that comes the responsibility to provide a safe product. If in that production, damage is done to us all and to the Earth, then it is not a safe product. And if we as consumers do not have other options, then it is PSE that needs to change. Please help them to change. It is time for PSE to invest in clean sustainable energy. The time is now. Please. We need your help. Thank you.

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Attached is my commentary on PSE's IRP.  
Thank you for your consideration.

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