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Steven V. King, Secretary and Executive Director
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Dear Mr. King,

During the recent Commission Workshop on Transmission Line planning, stakeholder participation was encouraged. With this in mind, we would like to request that Puget Sound Energy's "Energize Eastside" Transmission Line be included in the 2017 IRP, especially if the final deadline for the IRP is extended from July to November 2017. We note that the WUTC response to PSE's 2015 IRP requested PSE to include transmission lines in the 2017 IRP per WAC 480-100-238(3)(d)-(e) (see page 11 of the attachment).

The Energize Eastside project is expected to cost \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000. This is a substantial investment for ratepayers. Ratepayers want to be sure that necessary transparency and review has been achieved to ensure a reasonable plan.

At this time, part-time council members with little or no utility experience are the sole decision makers regarding a project that will increase costs for 1.1 million ratepayers throughout PSE's service territory for many decades. Clarifications in the IRP concerning transmission lines could help inform their decision. Because electricity consumption is declining throughout PSE's service territory and in Bellevue specifically, there is time to conduct a proper planning process.

Stakeholders need an opportunity to understand and provide input as part of the Integrated Resource Plan. As one of the many stakeholders, CENSE will participate fully.

We would like to engage in conversation with appropriate Commission Staff to discuss further.

Sincerely,



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