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Dear UTC Commissioners,

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.

Specifically, emphasis must be placed on clean energy rather than continuing to develop the Tacoma LNG. Investment in clean energy efforts such as demand response, energy storage, and renewables such as wind and solar should out-prioritize development of the Tacoma LNG. Clean energy is the key to our future, and future generations. Incentivizing customers to conserve, and to use energy during non-peak times (as was done back around 1998 I believe) is common sense, regardless of climate change implications. The scientific data indicate use of fossil fuels is detrimental to our ecosystem. Harm to our earth by continued use of fossil fuels cannot continue.

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.

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.

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