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As a customer/rate payer, I am deeply concerned about PSE's 2021 Integrated Resource Plan, especially considering the latest science and the recent actions by the state legislature to reduce pollution. I ask that you consider the following:

1. PSE's long-range energy plan fails to align with the clean energy aspirations of our region and its timetable for acquisition of clean energy resources on both the supply and demand side is inexplicably and unacceptably slow.
2. Currently, PSE relies on fossil fuels for 2/3 of its electrical generation portfolio.
3. Studies show that when total methane released from extraction and distribution are included, the GHG emissions associated with electricity generation using fossil gas are quite similar to those associated with coal.
4. PSE forecasts slowly increasing "natural" gas sales through 2045, despite Washington State's 2021 Energy Strategy that commits to GHG reductions of 70% below 1990 levels by 2040.
5. PSE refuses to share its underlying data and assumptions used in modeling for "least cost" resource decision making.
6. PSE's future projections are out of step with the well-respected NW Power and Conservation Council's 2021 analysis which predicts a rapid regional transition to renewable power resources. The Council says that older, out of date modeling approaches tend to favor natural gas.
7. PSE's projections risk stranding obsolete (gas) assets that could drive up future customer rates.

Please address these concerns with PSE's 2021 IRP. The 2021 IRP forms the baseline against which future PSE progress toward the Clean Energy Transformation Act will be measured by State regulators. And as a PSE customer I object to their plans to continue to pollute for the sake of profit.

Thanks for your consideration.