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Hello UTC commissioners,
I am writing to you from Tacoma, where we still live with unlimited toxic petrochemical expansion despite being under a city-declared climate emergency. We still do not have industrial air emissions data available to the public, but according to the American Lung Association we have top 9 most polluted air in the nation. https://www.lung.org/media/press-releases/sota-2019
All that heavy industry has been settled on top of the Treaty protected Puyallup People Nation's Reservation. https://goia.wa.gov/tribal-government/treaty-medicine-creek-1854
The Puyallup River is the 2nd most polluted river in Puget Sound.
https://www.kiro7.com/news/south-sound-news/the-puyallup-is-the-2nd-most-polluted-river-in-the-puget-sound-area-salmon-runs-at-stake/988991508/

Certainly you already know that the deadly, polluting and very costly recent Texas weather event's grid failure was caused by unregulated private fossil fuel industries paired with endless greed https://www.dallasnews.com/business/energy/2021/02/17/jerry-jones-natural-gas-company-hits-jackpot-as-texas-freeze-drives-up-prices
Just this week, Puget Sound Energy – no stranger to neglectful behavior that caused an abandoned gas line to blow up a neighborhood and all too frequent leaks – had another massive gas leak that lead to an underground gas fire that burned through the sidewalk, caused an evacuation and put thousands at risk. https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/natural-gas-leak-fire-causes-evacuations-seattles-central-district/YGZQ35AL4BAVXALRTAZXE24PEE/. The news are littered with PSE gas leaks, and has been for decades!

Given this background I urge you to act carefully, thoughtfully and with people - not profits - in mind.

You and I are fortunately at an age where we just might escape some of the most horrific and harmful climate event starring humanity in the face now and in the very near future. It is urgent that you act on behalf of youth, children and those not yet born. We simply have no right to allow for immediate profits (sent to Canada in the case of PSE) by the very few while - with full knowledge - we simple heap the costs and burdens upon those who really have no voice in your decision. The harm is compounded on those with fewer means, those who cannot get away and those whose land we have polluted too much already and whose lands we are guests upon. People of color, especially women and kids, carry the heaviest burdens.
Any future investment MUST involve an equity evaluation that analyzes potential impacts on Treaty rights, communities already experiencing health disparities and high levels of pollution, and communities that have been historically marginalized.

The 2019 Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) is requiring utilities to be 80 percent carbon free

by 2030. Despite this, Puget Sound Energy simply went ahead and already build a massive LNG refinery (without as much as a notice of construction permit, which they only got afterwards and which failed to use science to account for methane's intense climate harm) in the heart of Tacoma, near residents and schools , on top of the Treaty Protected estuary and without bothering to consult with the Puyallup as is enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.

It is your job to protect all resident of WA from becoming complicit in more climate and environmental harm – and add insult to injury to be forced to pay for it and to be forced to fund Canadian and Dutch pensions, while the Washington Public Employee pension fund is FORBIDDED to invest on deadly gas and oil.

You are not elected, so we can't go to the ballot box for change that benefits all of us. You do serve at the pleasure of the Governor. He has made plenty clear that climate harm is a clear and present danger.

So again I urge you to take these points into consideration. Business as usual is no longer an option. Repeating the same and hoping for a better outcome this time is clearly not an rational option. We have been bombarded with many $ millions spent by PSE to peddle gas to toddlers with coloring contests, market harmful gas to teenagers by paying young teen influencers to cook with gas (know how polluting cooking with gas is makes this particularly heinous in my opinion). Constant PSE ads on all platforms, on buses, public radio, information distortion in repeated push polls in Tacoma, many glossy brochures mailed to residents touting how PSE's gas is "safe, local and clean" when it is proven to be none if these things. All these $ millions come right out of the pockets of local residents struggling to pay their bills. PSE is also buying our politician, and have been for many years. All with the exception of the lone community member on the board of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency – supposed to keep us safe from polluted air have take PSE money. PSE is banning together with national and international fossil and petro interests to kneecap any municipality who wants to wean itself off fracked gas. PSE of course is heavily involved and a member of the board of this gas promoting propaganda arm of the industry. They are literally FORBIDDING communities to be self-governed : https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2021/02/23/climate-change-natural-gas/

PSE's initial draft of this critical 20-year plan includes *building* and *expanding new fossil fuel infrastructure* while exploiting the cost cap loophole in the Energy Transformation Act. This is disturbing and worrisome, it cannot be allowed to stand.

I ask of you to do right by the people and work for a better future for all. If you act with a full heart for your own children and grandchildren, and the children of the world, you will be guided to the right decision.
I hold you up and count on you
Thank you
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