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Dear UTC Commissioners,

For profit companies especially those that are foreign owned, have no business controlling our power source. We have little more than 10 years to address climate disaster and should not be building additional fossil fuel infrastructure. Macquarie got approval last year from UTC for their sale of PSE to two firms in Canada. Canada now owns 90% of PSE which is very frightening to rate payers especially since that's where the fracked gas comes from.

Macquarie was using faulty data at multiple sites simultaneously to support new asset acquisition at the rate payers expense so they could get a higher price for PSE when they sold their share last year.
Simultaneous to Energize Eastside, there is also:

- The North Seattle Pipeline in Snohomish County. PSE plans to go from an 8" pipe to 20" justified by a yet to be demonstrated need to cover peak demand 4% if at all of the time. Otherwise they state current infrastructure will cover normal operations for the next 28 years. There FERC approval assumes this is just an upgrade to 5.9 miles of pipeline not market expansion, yet PSE's SEPA document admits any additional gas will be sent to California (page 13, addenda 1 & 2).
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SEIS analyzes the global warming impact of the project 100 years from now, even though the LNG facility will only be operational for 40 years and will have the highest greenhouse gas effect while it's in operation. We recalculated PSCAA's greenhouse gas emissions estimate from the Tacoma LNG facility using updated, relevant science and found that the emissions will actually be 31% worse for our planet than if we do nothing. That's the equivalent of 145,000 more cars on the road every year."

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.

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. To see PSE's initial draft of this critical 20-year plan include building and expanding fossil fuel infrastructure while exploiting the cost cap loophole in the Energy Transformation Act is frustrating and worrisome; it should not be allowed to stand.

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 that facilitates customers and stakeholders having an actual say in where our money goes and the implications of what powers our homes.

Sincerely,
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