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Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
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Re: Puget Sound Energy IRP 2017
UE-160918 and UG-160919

To the Commissioners:

I am a PSE rate-payer from Vashon Island here to urge Puget Sound Energy to stop the greenwashing. The PSE website touts commitment to green power but the PSE power mix is 37% coal, 22% fracked "natural" gas and only 31% hydroelectric power. PSE ratepayers actually pay higher rates for energy with a larger proportion of fossil fuels than neighboring utilities charge for energy that is considerably greener. Seattle City Light's power mix has 88% hydroelectricity, for example.

PSE is selling a product that is nearing its pull date and it is fighting the green future at every turn. Puget Sound Energy needs to be LEADING the development of renewables and alternative fuels; forward-facing rather than dragging their feet to hold onto a past that made them lots of money but is making our planet unfit for human and other habitation. The science is clear. Global climate change is altering the environment in colossal ways. The planet itself will endure the depredations of the anthropocene epoch. But human and other life cannot.

I am a 4th generation member of a family that has lived in the Puget Sound area since the late 1860s. Nowhere near as many generations as the native peoples of the region but long enough for the mountains, the waterways and the remarkable and rich temperate rain forest we live in to be a deep and heartfelt part of me. I grew up in a hiking family and learned early to leave the trail better than I found it. Puget Sound Energy needs to do the same.

I strongly oppose Puget Sound Energy's proposed fracked liquid "natural" gas plant as a replacement for the Colstrip coal-powered plants. I and other Vashon ratepayers want true green power--renewable energy, not fossil fuel-sourced.

It is time for Puget Sound Energy to deliver a plan to make clean energy accessible for all and to fully decarbonize its grid: No coal, no fracked gas, and no LNG. I'm asking PSE to close all Colstrip plants by 2025 and replace them with 100% renewable energy.

Sincerely,



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