

I am Connie Campbell from Olympia, WA. I am a Climate Reality Volunteer and member of Climate Shepherds at my church. I am here today out of concern for the earth we live on. The biggest polluter of our planet is the use of fossil fuels—both coal and natural gas. **I urge you to tell Puget Sound Energy that their 20 year energy plan is unacceptable!**

Even though PSE has agreed to shutter the Montana Coalstrip Coal plant's largest coal unit by 2022 and pay off its outstanding debt on the plant by 2027, they haven't made any firm deadline for actually shutting the plant down. It is completely unacceptable to all living things on this planet to continue suffering the effects of breathing the polluted air caused by strip mining, transporting and burning coal. In addition nearly 100% of all climate scientists see the burning of fossil fuels as the major contributor to the warming of the planet. In our state, climate change is creating extreme weather events that cause extreme wildfires which threaten rural communities, animals and plants as well as acidifying oceans that threaten the shellfish industry.

I further urge that PSE not be allowed to trade one fossil fuel, coal, for another, "natural" gas. PSE's IRP indicates that they intend to make a huge investment in new gas plants including the liquefied natural gas terminal in Tacoma. "Natural" gas is just as harmful as coal in that it is primarily composed of methane as well as other hydrocarbons which leak into the atmosphere from the source of the plant all the way to where it is transported. The LNG terminal that PSE plans to build sacrifices Puyallup Tribal land, community safety and customer money. It is harmful and unnecessary, especially when much less expensive and cleaner forms of energy are available such as wind and solar. PSE is stuck in the past! In our present energy markets transformational changes are taking place. Clean energy is getting cheaper and more reliable each day, thanks to the falling price of battery storage. Regulators in Oregon and California have already put the brakes on plans for new gas projects. Our state along with these states has committed to meeting the goals of the Paris Climate Accords, calling for an 80-95% cut in Climate pollution across the state's economy by 2050. This target requires an energy grid of nearly 100% clean energy, which is impossible to reach if PSE is allowed to execute their 20 year energy plan.

Please stand up to Puget Sound Energy by rejecting their plan that calls for decades of being locked into the use of fossil fuels. Instead encourage PSE to become an innovator and leader by saving their customers \$ and health and investing in clean energy! We owe it to our children, grandchildren and all living things on our planet!

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