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Chairman Danner, and Commissioners Rendahl, and Balasba

I'm Howard Harrison from Redmond, Washington and I'm the chair of the Green Sanctuary Team from Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church in Kirkland.

In addressing the need for PSE to move away from the use of the Colstrip coal plant, some say we need to take "baby steps". Let's talk about babies for a minute. I think there is nothing more important for us than to love and protect our children. Would you agree?

Children born today will suffer greatly from the effects of climate change as they grow older. We already see extreme wildfires, hurricanes and ocean acidification.

We are in an emergency situation. Our little blue marble of a planet is in peril. There is no Planet B. The Colstrip power plant is the largest source of carbon pollution in the American west. The decision you make now can have a significant impact in slowing climate change.

Energy efficiency and quickly converting to solar and wind energy are what is needed and the cheapest solutions. These need to be implemented as soon as possible. The LNG terminal must be stopped and the Puyallup land respected.

For the future of our children there is no time to waste. We can't do this in stages. We need to take responsibility and take adult steps now.

Thank you for your time today.

