

February 21, 2018

To the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission

Docket Nos. UE-160918 and UG-160919.

This is in reference to Puget Sound Energy's (PSE's) 20 year plan filed with your commission.

Commission members:

I am Norma Ramirez, a retired school teacher and 36 year resident of Tacoma.

PSE's 20 year plan filed with you shows its intention to continue its stake in the dirty Colstrip coal plant until at least 2035, long after it plans to shutter its largest coal units and pay off its outstanding debt. This plant is the largest source of carbon pollution in the Northwest. I ask you to use your authority to defend the public interest by rejecting this plan and any plan put forth by PSE that includes operating the Colstrip coal plant past 2025. PSE's analysis shows that by ending its coal use by 2025 would save PSE \$150 million.

I am alarmed ^{by} PSE's inclusion in its plan to build and operate the LNG plant in the Tacoma tideflats. Rate payers will be the major funders of this plant and receive little in return except rate increases. We do not need this plant that could put hundreds of people at risk. We do not need the new fracked gas plants and more leaky gas pipelines ^{that} put ourselves and our environment at risk.


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