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Comments to Puget Sound Energy Final Integrated Resource Plan for Electricity and Natural Gas, dockets UE 200304 (electricity) and UG 200305 (natural gas)

The final IRP is missing inclusion of an important discussion on Transmission Lines especially Energize Eastside. Several times PSE planned to include EE on the IRP Agenda and then removed it even though it is required by Washington Law. This lack of transparency is unacceptable to IRP Stakeholders and neither in the public interest nor the Washington Administrative Code (chapter 8). It is believed that PSE has not participated in good faith.

After 8 years, PSE has spent \$89,000,000 on EE as reported on Form1 from FERC. They claim that this is part of product development and is already incorporated in the ratepayer base. If true, this does not seem prudent nor reasonable to the best interests of ratepayers.

The Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy (CENSE) members have obtained CEII clearance from FERC as qualified to review appropriate data to justify the need and validity of data for EE. Optionally, the prudent action for PSE is to proceed with approval from the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) rather than burden local jurisdictions with technical issues which they have limited technical capability.

Hopefully the UTC will recognize that at this point in time that EE is not a prudent or confirmed lowest reasonable cost project. If a rate hearing were held today it would be difficult to justify the EE Transmission Line based on current released data. One can only surmise that PSE bypassed EFSEC and the IRP because it would not survive the technical review.

It is requested that the UTC request PSE to complete the IRP EE review in order to serve the best interests of ratepayer.

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