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Comments on PSE's current IRP

Citizens of Washington rely on the UTC to insure that utility companies provide consumers with reliable supplies of electricity and gas at fair and reasonable cost, and requires an Integrated Resource Plan from providers to outline how these goals will be met .

Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) IRP as currently drafted falls seriously short of meeting these goals. It fails to account for the true cost of coal as it plans to continue investment in the outdated coal-fired plant in Colstrip, MT, for over a third of its power; it relies heavily on natural gas, a resource where price fluctuations are of serious concern; it fails to propose an economically wise and prudent transition to phasing out dependence on fossil fuels across the board moving to clean energy.

Large countries and big states get huge percentages of their power from clean energy sources; the clean energy marketplace is expanding and prices for power from sources that are safe, secure and sustainable continue to plummet. The rationale for transitioning to clean energy is not so much because of environmental reasons (of which there are many compelling ones), but because it is cost effective and economical...and achievable.

PSE's IRP ignores, misrepresents or downplays these market driven realities. State regulators have repeatedly asked PSE to assess the true cost of operating the Colstrip plant. As consumers, we add our voice to those requests. Everyday Colstrip operates, the cost of cleaning up the toxic coal ash ponds increases, the emission of particulates and other air toxics continues; upgrading pollution controls is expensive and not totally effective, creating increased production costs and diminished financial viability. PSE fails to account for the costs associated with delaying the inevitable transition to clean energy sources.

In the IRP and in messages to consumers (insert, mailed with monthly power invoices, for instance) PSE fails to consider the dramatic drop in the price of clean, renewable energy. It has the opportunity to lean heavily on clean energy to supply an increasing percentage of power, but continues to rely on fossil fuels. For instance, incentives are offered to consumers for converting to natural gas water heaters, but not for solar panels.

Clean energy is on an exciting trajectory as it becomes more and more available and prominent world wide. It can supply consumers with reliable supplies at fair and reasonable cost. PSE needs to commit to clean energy to displace power generated by fossil fuels. And it needs to do so now.

Thank you.

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"We simply need that wild country available to us, even if we never do more than drive to its edge and look in. For it can be a means of reassuring ourselves of our sanity as creatures, a part of the geography of hope."

- Wallace Stegner, the Wilderness Letter

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