

Monday, November 4, 2019
RE: Comment on Docket UE-190652

Honorable members of the Utilities and Transportation Commission,

I am writing today as a concerned citizen of Washington and the larger world. I never thought I would see the effects of climate change in my lifetime, because I trusted that our leaders and public servants would carry out their duty to protect human life. I do not want to be spending my time writing letters to you, but here I am on a sunny day in autumn hammering away at my keyboard instead of taking care of my health by spending time outside.

You know, the truth is I'm just an ordinary citizen who really does not understand all the technical business and science surrounding the rule you're working on. I admit that. I got an alert from one of the groups I belong to to write to you about upstream methane emissions, etcetera.

In short, I want you to save the world. Plain and simple. Do the right thing, for the sake of humanity. Look, I know that's hard. You have a mandate to ensure that we receive a steady supply of power and heat. However, by making it easy for utilities to continue using fossil fuels that contribute to greenhouse gasses which are causing the climate crisis you take away any incentive to innovate to find non-polluting solutions.

Numerous reports have come out to say that the window of opportunity is closing. If we don't take drastic action NOW, we may be faced with the consequences of runaway climate change in the future: Drought and mass extinction leading to food-web collapse, which leads to famine and worldwide refugee migration, which leads to wars over limited resources.

Do the right thing for the sake of all humanity. Force innovation by making it hard for companies to destroy our planet through greenhouse gas pollution.

Thank you for your service.

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