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Amanda Maxwell
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P. O. Box 42750
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Puget Sound Energy's 2021 Clean Energy Implementation Plan (Docket UE-210795)

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

I am the Mayor and District 7, North Ward Councilmember for the City of Bainbridge Island and am writing to you today because my community needs your help. We have taken significant steps through our Climate Action Plan to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and increase our resilience to a changing climate. But the fact is that we remain vulnerable unless Puget Sound Energy (PSE) makes significant improvements to its Clean Energy Implementation Plan. Our asks of the utility are as follows:

a) Increase reliance on clean energy generation.

Bainbridge Island's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions remains PSE's continued reliance on fossil fuels. We have brought our concerns to them, and it is unfortunate that, thus far, the options they offer us only serve to shift the dirty energy generation elsewhere. We want clean energy, not guilt free energy.

b) Expand local clean energy generation

Bainbridge Island is at risk of being isolated and cut off for an extend period in the event of a climate induced event or earthquake. We have an active disaster preparedness program, but the lack of on-Island energy generation and storage remains a vulnerability for us.

c) Include a changing climate in its forecasting

It is understood that the forecasting models PSE uses do not reflect hotter summers. This is not good planning and belies the "heat dome" experience that we all endured last summer.

d) Take more aggressive steps to reduce peak demand for electricity.

PSE used to be a leader in Demand Response. They need to reclaim that leadership.

Thank you for your consideration to needs of my community. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Best regards,



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