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Dear Washington UTC,

As a PSE customer, I was excited to sign up for their green power program, but am now discouraged to hear that they're planning to expand their gas infrastructure. It makes me feel deceived as a customer, as if their green energy programs are just a PR stunt to make it seem like they care about the environment (and by extension our collective futures), when really they're still prioritizing short-term profit above all.

Climate change terrifies me - as a young person, I constantly think about how it will impact my future and I lose a lot of sleep over it. We have no time to waste on lip service environmental programs, when all the while plans for expanding gas infrastructure are underway.

Please, fellow human who is reading this - I'm asking you to think about the kind of world you want to inhabit in the future. Or if you have children or grandchildren, friends and family, consider the kind of future you want for them. It's going to take all of us doing whatever we can to make that future a reality, even if that means being the only person in the room to voice a dissenting opinion.

I can write to you and express how much I care about this, but only you can take action. Please speak up on my behalf, and for the sake of all of us, reject PSE's electricity and gas plans.

I am writing to ask the Utilities and Transportation Commission to not allow Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to build new gas power plants for their long-range electricity plan and to reduce their use of gas for the long-range gas plan.

According to the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), natural gas is far more damaging to the climate than previously thought. Gas may be as bad as coal for the climate. And natural gas certainly is not "natural" when the impacts of hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" to extract gas is poisoning groundwater in communities across the country.

Our new 100% clean electricity law -- the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) -- requires all utilities to be 80% fossil fuel free by 2030 and 100% by 2045. The last thing we need to do is build new gas power plants that would be around for decades. The intent of CETA is to wind down on gas power in our electricity, not ramp it up.

Our new state law that establishes science-based fossil fuel reductions that come from the IPCC, call for 95% reductions by 2050 and 70% reductions by 2040. Yet PSE's long-range plan for its gas utility shows virtually no reductions for the next 20 years. PSE fails to follow recommendations in Washington's new State Energy Strategy that identifies moving buildings from gas to electricity as a key strategy for climate protection.

Enough is enough. PSE must take climate change seriously before it is too late. Please reject PSE's electricity and gas plans.

Sincerely,

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