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Executive Director and Secretary Amanda Maxwell,

Re: Docket UE-210183, Relating to Electricity Markets and Compliance with the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA)

I am writing to urge the UTC to uphold CETA, the clean energy law passed in 2019 that has strong, clear requirements to achieve a fossil fuel-free electricity grid by ensuring that all electricity delivered to Washington customers is from nonemitting sources by 2045.

This law must be upheld as passed, without exception.

CETA's requirements for utilities to transition to 100% nonemitting electricity generation is one of our state's most important policies to date aimed at curtailing our greenhouse gas emissions and preventing escalating and irreversible harm to our state's communities, ecosystems, and economy.

I am alarmed, dismayed, extremely opposed to the draft rule released by the UTC on October 12, 2021 because it fails to require the clean energy that CETA mandates and would allow utilities to use fossil fuel-generated electricity in Washington past 2045, with no end date in sight.

This must not be allowed! It is clearly inconsistent with CETA and must be revised in order to comply with the statute.

I agree with the Washington Environmental Council (WEC), a nonprofit that I support, insisting that specifically the draft rule must be revised to eliminate the use of "retained Renewable Energy Credits" and other provisions that would allow utilities to simply offset the continued use of fossil fuel-generated electricity, rather than providing 100% of electricity delivered to WA customers from nonemitting sources.

Ensuring that Washington keeps its commitment to 100% clean and nonemitting electricity generation will not only eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from power generation, it will also help drive the large-scale investments in clean energy we need to help transition our entire economy away from fossil fuels. Burning fossil fuels for electricity and heat is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide.

Our state has provided a blueprint to the nation and the world, showing it's possible to make a just transition to a 100% clean electricity future.

I urge you in my strongest voice: faithfully implement CETA.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
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