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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing because I am a PSE customer, a Family Nurse Practitioner and a concerned citizen watching rapid changes to the health of our planet. For the future of our planet, we can accept no less than full replacement with 100% renewable energy and conservation (wind, solar and other technologies). Renewable energy is less expensive, cleaner and creates more jobs than fossil fuel sources. Renewable energy will free customers from the cost volatility of fossil fuels and its unrelenting pollution and destruction.

There is growing disagreement between the scientific community and the natural gas industry about whether natural gas is indeed a “cleaner” alternative to coal in terms of environmental impact. There is little disagreement about the impact on the health of those people who live near fracking sites. Several large universities including Duke, Johns Hopkins and Columbia are noting significant health consequences to residents in those communities. Unfortunately a federal law exempted the fracking industry from compliance with the Underground Injection Control provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act. An Energy Policy Act of 2005 exempted fluids and chemicals used in fracking from protections under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Act and the CERCLA or Superfund.

Please insist that PSE consider the full range of potential impacts on customers and communities should PSE replace Colstrip with liquid natural gas. I believe that the most environmentally responsible choice (renewables) is also the most financially wise choice.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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