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WA Utilities & Transportation Committee:

This unnecessary PSE proposal is an attempt to shore up their declining revenues in an urban area where technology has improved dramatically and the cities' electricity consumption is diminishing because of combination of factors such as conservation, more efficient renewable lighting, appliances and computers, and climate change. More recent scientific data collected has supported that both PSE and Sea City Light are banking on old energy theories that require fossil fuel and environmental destruction to promote their \$300 million project, a severe burden adversely impacting residents and neighborhoods. Alternative large batteries manufactured by competitive companies can store and release energy at peak times w/o the fear of transmission lines being vulnerable to natural disasters, i.e. hurricanes, and the lengthy reconstruction of damaged lines. It has been documented that much energy produced from fossil plants is lost in transmission, possibly as much as 25%.

It is imperative that alternative solutions must be considered and arrived at in place of the irreparable harm that would be inflicted upon our Eastside communities. It is not the citizens responsibility to contribute to the profitability of a foreign owned corporation. This is not your old Puget Power utility!

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