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Comments Amanda Maxwell
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

I (Herb Hethcote) and my wife (Leslie Marshall) live on Bainbridge Island, WA. We are very concerned about Puget Sound Energy's 2021 Clean Energy Implementation Plan (Docket UE-210795). I am a Co-President of Climate Action Bainbridge, which has been encouraging our community in making the transition to clean energy. The City's Climate Change Advisory Committee on Bainbridge Island has created an ambitious Climate Action Plan which targets a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 25% by 2025 and by 90% (compared to 2014 levels) by 2045.

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We believe that PSE is dragging its feet in making the clean energy transition. We need real leadership from our utility that recognizes the urgency of the climate change threat. Docket UE-210795). I am a Co-President of Climate Action Bainbridge, which has been encouraging our community in making the transition to clean energy. The City's Climate Change Advisory Committee on Bainbridge Island has created an ambitious Climate Action Plan which targets a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 25% by 2025 and by 90% (compared to 2014 levels) by 2045.

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I urge the Utilities and Transportation Commission to take several key steps to accelerate PSE's transition to clean energy.

- Require PSE to incorporate into their CEIP data that recognize the effects of climate change. PSE's temperature projections do not currently recognize the significant shifts that have been occurring over the last 20 years. Yet climate change is the compelling reason we need to make the transition in our energy systems.
- Require PSE to speed up its programs to reduced electricity demand, such as by broadly implementing Time Varying Rates and Demand Response.
- Require PSE to speed up its acquisition of solar and wind resources and battery storage and facilitate its customers acquiring rooftop solar and batteries.

By accelerating these programs, PSE can avoid building a very expensive gas-powered plant, as specified in their 2021 Integrated Resource Plan. In our efforts to get off of fossil fuels, the idea of building a gas-powered plant is ridiculous.

With Washington's Clean Energy Transformation Act, the UTC must play a major role in regulating the factors that enable a rapid transition to clean energy in our state. We encourage you to provide real leadership in this new role

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