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Please add to UG-210111. Thanks.

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Dear Commissioners Rendahl, Danner, and Balasbas,

I am writing to request an investigation and public hearing regarding Filing No. UG-210111, to ensure that the affiliated interest contract between Puget LNG and Puget Sound Energy serves the public interest.

This contract between Puget LNG and Puget Sound Energy is not in the public interest because it would allow operations to proceed at the Tacoma LNG facility despite unexamined safety risks due to design changes at the facility and an inadequate SEPA review. It is unacceptable to allow PSE to begin operating the LNG facility before the Puyallup Tribe and environmental advocates challenging the Tacoma LNG project before the Pollution Control Hearings Board receive a decision on their appeal.

Furthermore, there is no urgency to begin operations at the facility, as PSE currently has no demand for LNG. LNG for fueling marine vessels--purportedly the primary purpose of the facility--is not needed until next year. PSE has only one vessel fueling contract, which is with TOTE Marine, and TOTE needs to retrofit its ships to run on LNG which it does not anticipate completing until the first quarter 2022 at the earliest. Nor does PSE anticipate needing LNG for peak shaving until at least December 2021, because it is only needed during periods of high demand during the coldest winter months.

Because there are unexamined safety issues, inadequate environmental review, unresolved legal challenges, and no immediate need for LNG stored at the facility, beginning operation at the facility in May is clearly not in the public interest and the UTC should delay the effective date of this contract and prepare updated siting and safety studies. The UTC should also conduct further proceedings, including an investigation and public hearing, to determine if the contract between PSE and Puget LNG serves the public interest.

Sincerely,
Les Pogue Jr.
Hilltop, Tacoma resident

Sent from my iPhone