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RE: Docket UG-220067

Dear Executive Director Maxwell,

This letter voices Sightline Institute's grave and ongoing concerns about PSE's liquified natural gas (LNG) facility in Tacoma. PSE is requesting a rate increase in part to cover the cost of construction of the facility. Sightline has opposed the Tacoma LNG project since 2016. Our prior research on the project has demonstrated that:

- The facility will be used for purposes <u>other than to act as a peak-shaving facility</u> for PSE customers, including potentially to export liquified natural gas. PSE has not adequately shown that these other purposes of the project will benefit PSE ratepayers.
- The facility introduces <u>safety concerns</u> to the city of Tacoma.
- The facility will be supplied by <u>fracked gas</u>, which poses grave climate risks and other environmental health hazards.

Sightline's research has shown that fracked gas is <u>no clean fuel and that Washington's climate</u> <u>commitments will dramatically reduce the state's reliance on gas</u> in the coming decades. In this context, PSE ratepayers should not be forced to cover the cost to expand gas infrastructure. We urge you to deny PSE's request for a rate increase to pay for the construction of the Tacoma LNG facility.

Sincerely,

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