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Subject: Comment on PSE's IRP, Dockets UE-160918 and UG-160919
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To the WUTC,

My name is Suzanne Greenberg, and I am a PSE rate payer from Vashon Island. I am writing to you to comment on PSE's IRP document.

PSE has committed to shutting down two of their four coal plants, but has not set a date for the shut down of Colstrip plants 3 and 4. As a resident of WA state and this planet, I demand that they set a date no later than 2025, which would give them seven years to transition to clean energy. We are at a crossroads at this moment in history, and PSE has a choice in front of them; to continue to burn carbon based fuels, which will raise global temperatures and contribute to natural disasters on a scale hard to conceive of, or they can commit to transitioning to 100% renewable energy.

I have read through parts of the IRP, and see that they propose the possibility of building a "natural" fracked gas plant to handle their peak loads. This is not acceptable. Fracking has proven to be a grave danger to whole communities of people because of methane gas leaking into the water table and air during the drilling process, even setting both the water and air on fire. Methane leaks from the process and the transport of the gas contribute to global warming at a rate 25 times the rate of burning the coal which we are trying to replace. To pour money into a gas infrastructure that is proven to be dangerous and contribute to global warming is to put lipstick on a pig. We would be stuck paying for this outdated form of electrical production while communities all around the country are moving forward with renewables that even now have been shown to cost less, and each year go down in price due to advances that are being made daily.

PSE is clinging to this outdated form of power, and in doing so, endangering all of us. It is evident from examples set in other communities and from research that renewables are the future. Renewables provide jobs that will help create the green economy the future will demand. Fossil fuels are simply outdated, and will cost us for years into the future if we have to continue to pay for the cost of infrastructure that will become more expensive to operate than building renewable source capacity.

Now is the time; with the closing of the coal plants, we are at a unique position to move in the right direction by building up a green, renewable infrastructure.

Though I know the UTC has weighed what their role is in directing PSE beyond simple price increases or decreases, I urge you to remember your commitment to protect the safety of the public, "It is the commission's responsibility to ensure regulated companies provide *safe* and reliable service to customers at reasonable rates".

Fracked natural gas is not safe or reliable. Burning coal is not safe. I urge you to do all in your power to move us to a clean energy future for Washington State.

Thank you,

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