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Subject: Inputs on CEIP Docket # 191023 and IRP Docket # 190698
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Dear UTC staff,

I am a resident of Vashon Island where PSE is our sole electrical utility. I am most concerned about our carbon footprint and doing all we can to positively impact the climate crisis so future generations can prosper. For the last 2.7 years my household has generated 24 MWhr of solar energy thanks to the excellent state framework, Artisan Electric, and the PSE program. Nevertheless, I am concerned about the coal-sourced electricity we have available on Vashon from the local utility. The social cost of carbon must be included in utility power plans and the UTC must explicitly tell utilities how to include it. I urge you to include explicit rules that require utilities to include the complete social and environmental costs of carbon in their analyses.

As you are well aware, thorough and transparent UTC reviews of utility power plans are critical elements to the process. They create opportunities for public participation. As our state utilities commission, I suggest you hold public hearings on both the Draft and Final Integrated Resource Plans from our utilities, not just a hearing on their Draft plans.

Public participation is important; public input must be heard and considered. Please make sure CETA rules require utilities to communicate clearly to the public any time their inputs have been and/or not been incorporated, for both the Integrated Resource Plans and the Clean Energy Implementation Plans.

Utilities often dismiss public inputs with a standardized “thanks for your comment” response, and then neglect to act on customer requests. Rules should require utilities to clearly define in their work plans how the utility will document and share this input, and achieve consensus on the incorporation of public inputs into utility resource plans.

I believe these are reasonable requests needed to correct the current protocols and urge you to incorporate them. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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