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Dear Commissioners:

I oppose Puget Sound Energy's proposal to build additional large high voltage transmission lines through Bellevue and neighboring cities. This is a step backward in building an energy generation system that will propel us into the future.

To combat the coming climate catastrophe, power production must be moved away from burning fossil fuels as rapidly as possible; PSE produces 59% of its power by burning carbon based fuels. It is not in the public's best interest to build new electrical grid infrastructure that is not optimized to work with the increased use of wind and solar energy. If PSE builds its proposed transmission lines they will use this to then justify converting their coal power plants to similarly problematic natural gas and further delay the investments that need to be made in climate friendly power production.

Why not use large battery storage to provide the increased peak load capacity PSE forecasts? I believe this would yield an electrical grid design that would allow power from energy sources like wind, solar and hydroelectric power to be stored to meet the peak load needs. The majority of new power capacity being built in the United States is renewable energy projects, and we need to assure we spend our money on power grids that will be in step with this vital change.

Thank you,
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