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Re: Docket UE-190698 and Docket UE-191023

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Dear Chairman Danner and Commissioners Rendahl and Balasbas:

I want to thank you and the UTC for all of your important work on the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA). I can't tell you how good it feels to see all of the progress that has been made in Washington State over the past 6 years since I was last involved with the UTC with climate change concerns. It will be even more rewarding when these new rules are reflected for real in our utilities.

I would like you to consider the following feedback to bring us closer to our shared goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG):

- Upstream methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) leaks should be monitored and quickly repaired. A great article regarding the massive climate impact from methane leaks by the NW Power and Conservation Council at: <https://www.nwcouncil.org/news/capturing-impact-methane-emissions>.
- Please ensure that the rules prevent any new natural gas (NG) fired power plants or NG facilities of any kind being built to be used in the interim and then potentially sold to a neighboring State or Country before 2030 to meet the necessary goal of 20% fossil fuel in the electric mix or charged to ratepayers. Unfortunately some power companies PSE for example are sending out propaganda, like kids coloring books, to falsely advertise NG as a clean form of energy. This concerns me that they may be planning on ramping up NG infrastructure and sales. If new NG facilities are built, please assure there will be no new rate increases approved to pay for fossil fuel infrastructure.
- No possible purchase of power from Coal. On page 2 of Part VIII. Planning WAC 480-100-600 I see what looks to me as a possible loophole that could potentially be abused by power companies. If this does stay in can the statement be clarified? Is it not to exceed one month a year or just one month total ever. Or from what date to what date? - Coal-fired resource does not include: an electric generating facility that is included as part of a limited duration wholesale power purchase, not to exceed one month, made by an electric utility for delivery to retail electric customers that are located in this state for which the source of the power is not known at the time of entry into the transaction to procure the electricity; or an electric generating facility that is subject to an obligation to meet the standards contained in RCW 80.80.040(3)(c).

- No possible sale of coal plants starting now. While the intent of CETA is to close down fossil fuels, PSE is working to sell Colstrip unit 4 to North Western who has plans to keep it operational for more than 20 years. If they do end up selling, they should not be rewarded with the early action coal credit.

We can all see the effects of Climate Change with extreme weather events, unprecedented forest fires, mass extinction and increased mental and physical health issues. Power companies have had years to prepare and some have chosen the path of fossil fuels. This overuse of fossil fuels has led us to the point we are now and has created much suffering throughout the world. They are accountable for their own actions fueled by greed. This being said, let's reward the good behavior of cleaning up the grid!

Thank YOU for all of your important work in this transition from dirty to clean energy. We can all be very proud to be Washingtonians!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Newcomb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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