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Dear Commissioners:

I am a PSE ratepayer and I know PSE has taken some positive steps toward addressing climate change, but it's time to make major leaps. As a community member, I've worked with PSE on different projects that included awarding a grant for a solar array at my local school district/high school. This has been a great education and display to the community as a whole of how renewable energy is generated and utilized.

On a larger scale, PSE is committing to retiring the two toxic boilers at the coal power plants in Colstrip, Montana. Now, as a concerned citizen and utility Ratepayer, I would like to see PSE retire the remaining two plants in Colstrip by 2025 and commit to replacing them with conservation and 100% renewable energy. Without doing this, PSE's alternative: build another coal plant - forces its customers, like myself, to pay. We cannot mitigate climate change's most disastrous effects if we lock ourselves into another 30 years of fossil fuels by building new gas infrastructure. Methane escapes at every stage in the gas life-cycle, and it is 87 times more potent than carbon dioxide at trapping the earth's heat over a 20-year span. Fracked gas is not a "bridge" fuel; it is a wall against clean energy.

It is time for Puget Sound Energy to deliver a plan to make clean energy accessible for all and to fully decarbonize its grid: no coal, no fracked gas, and no liquid natural gas. We need to invest in our utility future and the future of our planet. The cost of wind and solar are rapidly declining. In the past few years, the cost of solar has dropped 40% and wind has dropped 66%. PSE's plan needs to include renewables, we cannot wait any longer.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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