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**Comments on the UTC's CEIP Docket # 191023 and IRP Docket # 1900698 regarding PSE
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My name is Ronald Snell and I live in Kirkland, Washington. I am writing to comment on the proposed IRP and CEIP processes for PSE to meet CETA goals. I have been involved in climate issues for a number of years. My activities stem in part from my faith that calls on all of us to protect and care for all of God's creation and all who live on this earth. Human caused climate change is causing huge damage to our world. We need look no further than out our window to see and smell the smoke from massive forest fires raging from Washington to California. But my concern is also personal. I have three granddaughters ages 15 years to 5 months and know that they and their generation will inherit the world that we shape. They are what drive my engagement to address climate change.

In recent years I have testified before the UTC on several of PSE's IRPs and know how important it is for the UTC to provide PSE with feedback and direction on the adequacy of their IRP's. Now that feedback and direction is even more critical because of the scope of the changes that PSE must implement to meet the goals set out for utilities in CETA. Shortly after the passage of this landmark piece of legislation, I spoke with one of my representatives, Rep Larry Springer, to thank him for helping to pass this legislation. He said he thought that one of the most important aspects of the legislation was giving the UTC oversight on the process. Much better to have the UTC have this responsibility Springer quipped than to have a bunch of politicians try to do it. I could not agree more.

CETA has set the aggressive goal of having all utilities being 80% carbon free by 2030. Given that schedule, close, timely oversight of PSE is absolutely required. For that reason, I believe it is absolutely essential that IRP's should continue to occur every two years and not every four years as PSE has proposed. In the interest of gathering comprehensive feedback, the UTC should hold hearings on both the draft and final IRP as well the CEIP. I believe this level of oversight is critical because the consequences of not meeting the CETA goals are too high.

I also believe that is important that there be an open and honest process to allow for public engagement. For this purpose, IRP work plans need to identify how public input will be incorporated. It is critical that all of PSE's planning assumptions be clear and that there be full disclosure of modeling inputs and load forecasts. This disclosure is critical for public advisory groups to be effective.

The CETA legislation has given the UTC a huge responsibility in the implementation the goal of 100% Clean Electricity. I am confident that the Legislature's faith in the UTC's oversight will prove well founded.

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