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Dear Washington UTC,

Dear Utilities and Transportation Commissioners,

I am a Puget Sound Energy customer. I have several natural gas-burning appliances including two furnaces, a 75-gallon hot water heater, a 6-burner range, two gas-log fireplaces and a fireplace insert. All of these appliances were installed when natural gas was sold as a clean source of energy. However, when these appliances reach the end of their usefulness, I plan to replace them with electric appliances because the natural gas industry has been using hydraulic fracturing to extract natural gas, polluting the groundwater and air.

Further, we've learned that burning natural gas is contributing to climate change.

It is my understanding that Puget Sound Energy is proposing to build natural gas-burning electrical plants. Please remind Puget Sound Energy of the goals set by Clean Energy Transformation Act.

Please advise Puget Sound Energy to revise the proposal to produce electricity with cleaner sources of energy.

In addition, please advise Puget Sound Energy to invest in upgrading the distribution of electricity in the region including upgrading the carrying-capacity of the infrastructure and reducing the risk of forest fires and power-outages by burying lines rather than maiming and killing the trees we need to clean the air.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

I am writing to ask the Utilities and Transportation Commission to not allow Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to build new gas power plants for their long-range electricity plan and to reduce their use of gas for the long-range gas plan.

According to the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), natural gas is far more damaging to the climate than previously thought. Gas may be as bad as coal for the climate. And natural gas certainly is not "natural" when the impacts of hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" to extract gas is poisoning groundwater in communities across the country.

Our new 100% clean electricity law -- the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) -- requires all utilities to be 80% fossil fuel free by 2030 and 100% by 2045. The last thing we need to do is build new gas power plants that would be around for decades. The intent of CETA is to wind down on gas power in our electricity, not ramp it up.

Our new state law that establishes science-based fossil fuel reductions that come from the IPCC, call for 95% reductions by 2050 and 70% reductions by 2040. Yet PSE's long-range plan for its gas utility shows virtually no reductions for the next 20 years. PSE fails to follow recommendations in Washington's new State Energy Strategy that identifies moving buildings from gas to electricity as a key strategy for climate protection.

Enough is enough. PSE must take climate change seriously before it is too late. Please reject PSE's electricity and gas plans.

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