

Dear Chairman Danner:

I am writing as a rate-payer, a concerned citizen, and a marine scientist to express my expectation that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) will ensure that legislation passed in 2006 relating to energy efficiency and renewable energy (House Bill 1010) is implemented and enforced for electric utilities and takes into consideration the overwhelming consensus of scientific evidence regarding local and global impacts from coal burning.

Specifically, I believe that the economics of Puget Sound Energy's continued use of coal are misleading and that the IRP has not taken into consideration the increased cost of current and future lawsuits and potential CO2 taxes and penalties. CO2 from coal is the leading contributor to climate change and ocean acidification. Ocean acidification is already impacting several shellfish hatcheries in our state. Lawsuits against the EPA to limit CO2 emissions under the Clean Water Act have already been introduced and will likely continue to shape the future of coal use in this country. Rate payers do not want coal - and it makes no economic sense to invest in upgrades and retrofits to an outdated, inefficient, and detrimental energy source.

If you don't believe that coal has reached its end, consider this:

*"We know the end point of coal is soon. We know that coal is a dead end."*

*-PSE's VP for Corporate Affairs, Thurston Community Television, 9/27/12*

Thank you for your time and consideration in this very important matter,

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