

Dear WUTC Chairperson:

I am not able to attend the public hearing today so I'm writing to communicate my views on the matter.

**I support Puget Sound Energy's goal to increase its use of new renewable energy sources.**

Additionally, I fully support and urge PSE to firm up its pledge to meet the next 10 years of load growth with energy efficiency and renewable resources. Serving 10% of customer need with renewables should be a *minimum* goal. PSE should pursue low-impact hydropower to help meet its customers' needs, but that be independent of its renewable goal. <?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

PSE should not increase its reliance on natural gas -- supply is limited, demand is increasing, and prices are volatile. According to the pie chart graph that came with my bill this month, I can see that PSE is heavily reliant on three resources -- natural gas, coal, and hydropower. Adding new renewables and efficiency to its resource base will reduce overall fuel price volatility and protect PSE consumers over the long term

Furthermore, PSE must mitigate the greenhouse-gas emissions -- such as carbon dioxide -- from the fossil fuel facilities that supply its power. **Increasing investments in polluting resources makes no economic or environmental sense.** Costs to human health and the environment, including respiratory problems and global warming, habitat destruction through extraction, make gas- and coal-fired electricity even more expensive than existing projections suggest. Cleaner, affordable resources are available, so PSE should commit to reducing the amount of electricity that comes from coal plants over time.

Sincerely,

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