

Re: docket numbers (UE-170033 and UG-170034)

As Puget Sound Energy customers at 15804 Westside Hwy SW, on Vashon Island. We want to state our opposition to PSE providing electrical energy from coal after 2025. We also oppose converting the coal fired plant at Centralia to natural gas sourcing for electrical power. It is imperative that Solar energy, wind, or other renewable energy forms be used instead and that they be implemented into the rate structure by 2025. Creating demand for natural gas locks us into the need and dangers of promoting fracking with its attendant threats to drinking water and of methane leaks. Methane is a far more dangerous climate change agent than carbon dioxide, somewhere between 100 and 20 times more powerful before its final dissipation in 100 years.

There is now indisputable proof that the Arctic is warming at the fastest rate of increase anywhere on the planet. This poses a serious threat from the release of carbon dioxide and methane from melting tundra or from warming in the shallows of the Arctic sea, where gigatons of methane have been stored in a frozen state as clathrates.

Climate Scientists writing for ***Arctic News*** have warned that we are perilously close to runaway global warming should we not reduce very soon the amount of greenhouse gasses being released. PSE must do its part by converting directly from coal to sustainable electric energy sources to avoid the risky alternative of promoting the release of more dangerous greenhouse gas.

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