

**Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission – Rate Case Hearing
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For the last 7 years my two young daughters and I have been Puget Sound Energy 100% Green Power users in Redmond, a K4C city. Our buy-up rate started at \$20 per month, and has fallen over the years to \$3. Six months ago we continued our commitment by opting into the new 100% Solar Choice program for \$20 per month, and upgrading our home systems to be heat pump, tankless, and largely gas-free.

While I realize PSE is legally required to provide the cheapest form of energy. I also know that PSE does not include in that calculation the health costs of those down-wind and down-water of the Colstrip power plant, Washington air quality and the asthma of my neighbor's children, the water wells of gas fracked communities, or the years and trillions being taking today, from our daughters and sons in accelerating climate change impact costs.

I fully support upgrades to our energy infrastructure and planning for future demands and resiliency, but not in ways that are climate-blind or shortsighted. Why is PSE asking to invest in methods that knowingly harm it's own rate-payers? We do a great disservice, extending today's least efficient, most polluting forms of energy generation.

When green power costs us \$3, why are we considering investments in fossil fuel for \$3? It is time to invest in our shared Climate Reality, and plan for the 2025 shutdown of the Colstrip Power Plant. It is past time to tip the balance on coal energy to clean energy. Thank you.