

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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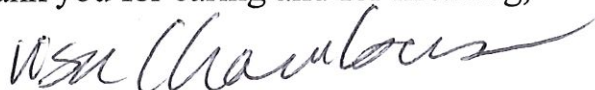
Dear Commissioners Danner, Rendahl and Balasbas,

Hello my name is Lisa Chambers and I am part of the Vashon Climate Action group. I want to thank you for your representation of our interests as PSE rate payers and for this opportunity to speak. I know that your responsibility does not allow you to leave these complex problems to anyone else.

As most others in this region, I have no choice but to purchase power through PSE. ~~As a result, the rate payer interest and the public interest are one and the same.~~ As a consumer, I want the security of safe, dependable, affordable and stable energy. A future fueled to any significant degree by carbon-based energy is cost volatile and unsafe. I ask you to take the long-range view of the public interest and reject extension of coal burning beyond 2025. If carbon-based fuels supplied from Colstrip, Montana continued, the expense is greater, over time, than the declining and predictable costs of renewables. Opportunities abound to develop renewable sources, store energy for peak needs and use energy in more efficient ways that are safe, dependable and affordable. Given this, there is no reason to that I should be forced to purchase energy that harms me and my community.

The earth's most abundant resources are unlimited and constant. The time is now to launch human innovations for their designed purpose, to free us from dependency on an outdated mode of extraction/pollution. Closing old power plants as quickly as possible and building the infrastructure for renewable energy will give us the freedom to explore opportunities we can only begin to image. The time is now. It is no longer a giant leap; it is simply a step, and one that we cannot afford to delay.

Thank you for caring and for listening,



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