

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Dockets UE-170033 & UG-170034

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At the end of June, I was fortunate to hang out with Al Gore, Jay Inslee, some climate scientists and about 800 average people just like me who were interested in doing something about the climate crisis facing the Earth. One of the themes of this gathering was that combating the negative effects of climate change is a moral issue. It's about right and wrong. It is wrong to pollute the Earth. It is wrong to make energy choices based on the profits of energy companies.

Today's hearing is about a rate increase for Puget Sound Energy and not specifically about climate change. Yet PSE is a company who markets itself as a "green energy" company while devising approximately 30 % of its energy from a coal fired power plant in Colstrip Montana. In my scheme of values that is not the moral thing to do. That's what a polluter does.

I urge the UTC to take action in this rate case to influence Puget Sound Energy to make the moral choice of divesting themselves from the use of fossil fuels and become a truly "green energy" company by relying on renewable energy sources.