

TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUDGET SOUND ENERGY'S 2017 RATE CASE

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

Not long after we began working on Climate Change in 1997 with the League of Women Voters of Washington, Puget Sound Energy began moving toward cleaner energy by introducing such techniques as Total Emissions Offsets that began in 2002 and later, in 2005, their term was changed to Green Tags-Total Emissions Offsets. Then in 2013, the name of this campaign became Green Power Purchase-Total Emissions Offsets. In good faith, we contributed to this campaign monthly from 2002 until we moved into a retirement community in 2015.

It is most discouraging that Puget Sound Energy continues to plan for coal use into the future. Since they ignore the facts about coal being the least desirable fossil fuel, if we're ever to reduce our carbon footprint, we believe that it will take the UTC's guidance to **shorten this energy company's payment schedule for Units 3 and 4 at Coalstrip coal plant to 2025**. We believe that every effort must be made to stop the use of coal here in the West as well as throughout the U.S. and elsewhere; therefore, we sincerely thank this Commission if they will assist us as energy users to stop our dollars going to the third largest climate polluter in the U. S. -- the Montana Coalstrip coal plant. Thank you.

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