

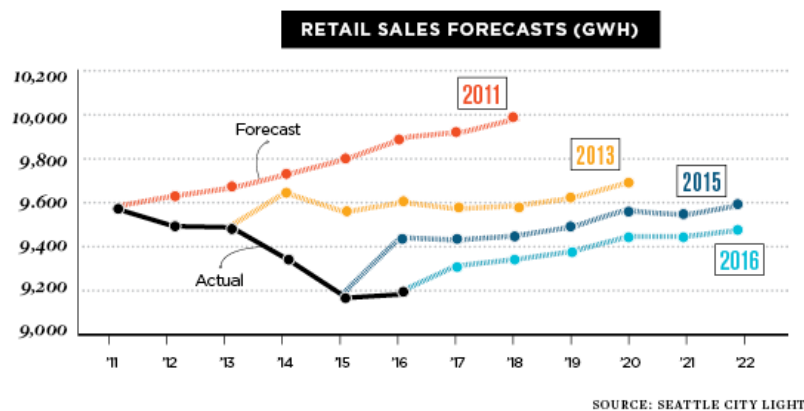
Comments on PSE's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

Docket number (UE-160918 and UG-160919)

I am specifically commenting on Chapter 8 of the IRP.

## Demand Trends 01/16/17

Below is the graph that Seattle City Light published in their article in Seattle Business Magazine in November 2017. In this article, they released their actual demand vs. their forecasted demand. They have made this information available to the public. This is called “transparency”.



<http://www.seattlebusinessmag.com/policy/how-climate-change-conservation-and-renewable-energy-are-changing-seattle-city-light>

Puget Sound Energy's demand forecasts can be found online as well, as pdf's that you can download. I provided a link here that will take you to one. Their demand forecasts are exaggerated compared to Seattle City Light's.

But my point is that PSE's ACTUAL demand remains a mystery. Although those figures have been requested, they are not released, and give some vague reason about “security” when asked why they will not release them.

The key difference in these two companies? Seattle City Light is strictly a public utilities company, and does not need to make a profit. However, PSE is owned by foreign investors who want to profit per the guaranteed 9.8% return rate on their investments.

My guess is that Puget Sound Energy does not want to reveal that their demand has actually fallen, in contrast to their forecasted demand. Their entire justification behind Energize Eastside lies in their ability to claim that this project is “necessary” due to the growth in population—however, they won't give consumers the data that would back up this claim. I believe that is because they have none. This is not transparency, this is secretive. If Seattle City Light is able to release their data without any worries about “security”, then it stands to reason that Puget Sound Energy is capable of doing the same. I urge the UTC to ask Puget Sound Energy to release their actual demand data, and not

grant any projects that cost Washington's ratepayers millions of dollars without a simple graph to prove the project's necessity. Thank you.

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