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Dear Washington UTC,

Haven't we seen enough damage inflicted on Nature and the citizens of this country due to climate change? The South (particularly Texas) has just suffered one of the worst winter storms in recorded history, including day-after-day of freezing temperatures, freezing rain, and snow that brought the entire electrical system to its knees and ruptured water pipes throughout the state.

And you want to contribute to the problem? possibly leading to similar horrific weather conditions affecting the Pacific Northwest? by pumping even more CO2 into the atmosphere?

What planet do you expect future generations to inhabit? Because, at this rate, planet Earth won't remain a suitable habitat for our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. There won't be room enough above ground to live without exposing ourselves to extreme heat and radiation. There won't be enough arable land on which to grow crops to sustain the remaining population. And there'll be far less water for the remaining population to drink.

We need to IMMEDIATELY plan to abandon the use of all fossil fuels, leave them in the ground for perpetuity, and replace them with clean, renewable sources of energy: solar, wind, tidal, geothermal, and others that may not be commercially available today.

Natural gas is not the answer. It's just another part of the problem.

Thank you.

I am writing to ask the Utilities and Transportation Commission to not allow Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to build new gas power plants for their long-range electricity plan and to reduce their use of gas for the long-range gas plan.

According to the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), natural gas is far more damaging to the climate than previously thought. Gas may be as bad as coal for the climate. And natural gas certainly is not "natural" when the impacts of hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" to extract gas is poisoning groundwater in communities across the country.

Our new 100% clean electricity law -- the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) -- requires all utilities to be 80% fossil fuel free by 2030 and 100% by 2045. The last thing we need to do is build new gas power plants that would be around for decades. The intent of CETA is to wind down on gas power in our electricity, not ramp it up.

Our new state law that establishes science-based fossil fuel reductions that come from the IPCC, call for 95% reductions by 2050 and 70% reductions by 2040. Yet PSE's long-range plan for its gas utility shows virtually no reductions for the next 20 years. PSE fails to follow recommendations in Washington's new State Energy Strategy that identifies moving buildings from gas to electricity as a key strategy for climate protection.

Enough is enough. PSE must take climate change seriously before it is too late. Please reject PSE's electricity and gas plans.

Sincerely,

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