

Docket Nos. UE-190529 and UG-190530
(Consolidated) - Vol. III

WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy

January 22, 2020



1325 Fourth Avenue • Suite 1840 • Seattle, Washington 98101

206.287.9066

www.buellrealtime.com

Olympia | **360.534.9066** Spokane | **509.624.3261** National | **800.846.6989**

email: info@buellrealtime.com



1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND,) DOCKETS UE-190529 and
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,) UG-190530 (Consolidated)

)
Complainant,)

)
vs.)

)
PUGET SOUND ENERGY,)

)
Respondent.)

PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING, VOLUME III
Pages 86 - 171

6:00 p.m. - 8:18 p.m.
January 22, 2020

Bellevue City Hall Council Chamber
Room 1E-126, 450 110th Avenue Northeast
Bellevue, WA 98004

Official Transcript of Recording

REPORTED BY: Bonnie Reed, CET
Buell Realtime Reporting, LLC
1325 Fourth Avenue, Suite 1840
Seattle, Washington 98101
(206) 287-9066 | Seattle
(360) 534-9066 | Olympia
(800) 846-6989 | National
www.buellrealtime.com

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

PRESENT AT MEETING:

- Chair David W. Danner
- Commissioner Ann Rendahl
- Commissioner Jay Balasbas

1 -o0o-

2 January 22, 2020

3
4 CHAIR DANNER: Okay. Good evening, everyone. I would ask
5 you to please take your seat so that we can get started.

6 Okay, good evening. This is the second of two public
7 comment hearings in the Puget Sound Energy general rate
8 case. And these are dockets UE-190529 and UG-190530. My
9 name is Dave Danner, and I'm chair of the Utilities and
10 Transportation Commission. I'm joined here today by my
11 colleagues, Commissioner Ann Rendahl and Commissioner Jay
12 Balasbas.

13 On June 20th, 2019, Puget Sound Energy filed with the UTC
14 a request to raise its rates it charges for both electric
15 and natural gas service. For electric, the company proposed
16 an increase of 139.9 million or a 6.9 percent increase. For
17 the average customer, that would be about \$5.51 a month. On
18 the gas side, the company's proposing a revenue increase of
19 65 million or about a 7.5 percent increase. And for the
20 average customer, that's about \$2.45 a month. This case is
21 now before the commission.

22 There are various parties who are formal interveners in
23 the process and they have different positions on how they
24 believe that the commission should respond to the rate
25 increase, some are calling for smaller increases, others are

1 actually calling for decreases, but this is a matter that
2 will come before us.

3 And general rate cases at the commission are generally
4 like trials. The commissioners sit as judges and we hear
5 testimony from the company, as well as the numerous formal
6 parties in the proceeding. And those are the UTC staff, who
7 sit as a separate party, as well as a public counsel office
8 of the attorney general, who represents the interests of the
9 public in our cases. And our state's public counsel, Lisa
10 Gafken is here with us tonight, raise your hand there. So
11 if you have questions about the case, she would be a good
12 person to go up to.

13 The Commissioners, because we are judges, we are -- we're
14 in listening mode tonight. So oftentimes people will be
15 coming up and making comments and asking us questions. We
16 will deal with those questions as rhetorical questions,
17 meaning, that we are not going to engage in a give and take
18 on any questions you may have because that's not our role in
19 this proceeding tonight.

20 Other parties are large industrial customers,
21 environmental groups and advocates for low income citizens.
22 By law, the proceedings with UTC for general rate cases take
23 up to 11 months. And we have thousands of pages of data,
24 spreadsheets and testimony that we must consider. But the
25 purpose of our public hearings tonight is to hear from

1 citizens about the proposed rate increases and what impact
2 they will have on individual households or businesses and
3 what changes you think might be warranted regarding not only
4 the rates but also environmental issues, low income
5 assistance or other issues. We take very seriously what you
6 have to say and it does inform our consideration in the
7 proceeding.

8 We have a lot of people who are signed in tonight. So I
9 would ask you to please keep your comments to around 3
10 minutes. If we find we're running long, we will have to cut
11 you off so that we can get everybody heard tonight and get
12 home at a reasonable hour. If you have signed in but not
13 legibly, I will probably butcher your names and I apologize
14 in advance for doing that.

15 So, we're going to get started. The general rate case
16 evidentiary hearing is going to be held in Olympia on
17 February 6th and 7th. We will be taking public comment not
18 only tonight but also by email and mail at our address.
19 I've got the information above us on how you can comment on
20 our proceeding after today.

21 For those wishing to testify tonight -- please put your
22 phones in airplane mode. Now I've lost my train of thought.
23 Oh, for those who will be making comments tonight, you will
24 have to be sworn in. So what I would like to do, in the
25 interest of efficiency, for those of you who wish to speak

1 tonight, I would ask you to please stand, raise your right
2 hand and let's let me swear you in. I'll do that as a
3 group.

4 Okay. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and
5 nothing but the truth?

6 AUDIENCE: I do.

7 CHAIR DANNER: All right, thank you, you may be seated.
8 Okay. And I already have a challenge with the first person
9 signed in tonight. That would be Nancy Shimeall.

10 MS. SHIMEALL: Shimeall.

11 CHAIR DANNER: Okay. I'm 0 for 1. Go right ahead.

12 MS. SHIMEALL: Thank you. Now, my name's Nancy Shimeall
13 and I am a rate payer for PSE. So I am going to speak to
14 you tonight as a rate payer. I have documents and
15 information that are factual things that I'm going to turn
16 in in another way, but tonight I just want to speak as a
17 rate payer. I grew up in Washington State in the Puget
18 Sound region and I've seen the changes that have happened.

19 As a rate payer, I chose -- in our house, we don't have
20 the kind of roof that allows for us to have solar. So we
21 signed up right away, as soon as Puget Sound Energy offered
22 the option to get solar replacement for our energy that we
23 are getting for PSE. So we pay extra every month already
24 and we are willing to do that because for us, it is
25 absolutely essential that we don't use fossil fuels. Now

1 we've been doing that for years. And I've noticed that the
2 percentage of fossil fuels in the mix that PSE offers hasn't
3 really changed. So I'm not sure what that's about because
4 my hope was that we were helping.

5 But as I said, we're paying extra for solar replacing the
6 energy that we're getting from PSE. And I strongly object
7 to now paying for the money that they're spending on the
8 infrastructure for natural gas, which is actually mostly
9 fracked gas.

10 I don't want to pay. I should not have to pay when in
11 fact I'm actually paying extra for green energy. And that's
12 what we all know we need to have in the future. We should
13 not be adding to our infrastructure of natural gas. We
14 should be building on renewables. So we should be creating
15 jobs in the renewable sector, and we should be providing the
16 renewables.

17 So I object to the rates being increased because of that.
18 So as I said, I will give you this other stuff in another
19 manner. But thank you very much.

20 CHAIR DANNER: Okay. Thank you very much. And if you
21 would like to give it to our staff tonight, they will take
22 it. So there's Andrew by the door there if you would like
23 to hand it to him. All right. Thank you very much.

24 Michael Foster, do you wish to speak? And Kathy Partida,
25 you're up next.

1 MR. FOSTER: So my name is Michael Foster, and I'm
2 speaking as a citizen. My concern is that we're making any
3 kind of right adjustment for one of the corporations that is
4 responsible for ending life on the plant. It seems like we
5 should be prosecuting them for crimes against humanity and
6 nature and not paying them more to do their worst.

7 I had the great pleasure about eight years ago of calling
8 PSE to say I need you to close my account and remove the
9 meter from outside my house. And I can't tell you how
10 satisfying that was at the time, especially because, pardon
11 my slang, they didn't know what the fuck to do.

12 CHAIR DANNER: All right. So I am going to ask you to
13 minimize your slang.

14 MR. FOSTER: I apologize. I was on the phone for an hour
15 waiting for somebody to figure out what do you do with a guy
16 who says, I need you to remove the meter from my house
17 because it's a hazard to my family and we don't use your
18 service here any more. We spent a lot of money to get that
19 out of our house. And they were going to leave the crusty
20 old gas lines there. That was a serious problems there. In
21 the end, they left the gas lines there.

22 I don't think anybody should be paying PSE, a foreign
23 owned private company, more money at a time when they are
24 going to be losing revenue and losing rate payers. The last
25 customer is going to have a heck of a bill. We should be

1 paying them to get out. And that is all we should be paying
2 them to do.

3 Greta has been very clear at Davos this week. And I think
4 anybody understands that PSE is a perfect example of why we
5 don't have 100 percent clean energy in this country already.
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much.

8 Kathy Partida, please come forward. And Ivy Sigmon,
9 you're next.

10 MS. PARTIDA: Hi.

11 CHAIR DANNER: Good evening.

12 MS. PARTIDA: Actually, my legal name is Kathy Presiado
13 Partida, but I figured it always gets mangled, so I would
14 just give you my second last name and you did great, so
15 thanks.

16 CHAIR DANNER: You said Presiado?

17 MS. PARTIDA: Presiado Partida, roll those Rs.

18 CHAIR DANNER: I got it.

19 MS. PARTIDA: You can do it, go David.

20 CHAIR DANNER: That college Spanish comes in handy. All
21 right.

22 MS. PARTIDA: (Speaks Spanish).

23 CHAIR DANNER: Si.

24 MS. PARTIDA: So at any rate -- I'm just charmed, he's
25 speaking Spanish to me, holy moly.

1 Okay. So at any rate, I wrote this out. General persons,
2 the private corporation that runs our access to this utility
3 is charging the rate payers to guarantee the majority
4 Canadian shareholder owned corporation a profit. Their
5 target is 10 percent. I don't even get 1 percent when I
6 save like a good citizen.

7 Washington consumers are a captive audience, we have no
8 other choices. Our only protection is your ability to
9 refuse this rate hike as well as your ability to demand that
10 this new plan is implemented by 2045 and that's not going to
11 happen if we continue to invest in their infrastructure.

12 It takes -- I'm sure they're taking their cost of doing
13 business and spreading that over years. If we encourage
14 them -- I'm going away from my little speech here, but it is
15 particularly unfair to propose an increase in the gas rate
16 when PSE has already raised their fracked gas rates by 14
17 percent on November 1st, 2019, that's only a few months ago,
18 despite a 50 percent reduction in market gas prices. This
19 is just plain greed and abuse of their position as our only
20 supplier for a necessary utility. Additionally, it is
21 contra our State's goals to fight climate crisis, to
22 continue to support. And by giving a rate hike in effect
23 encouraging the continuing reliance upon dirty fossil fuels,
24 and fracked gas is particularly harmful.

25 I want you to refuse this rate hike. Temporally it is

1 greedy, not needy. It is environmentally imprudent, and it
2 is contrary to Washington State goals for energy as outlined
3 by this flyer that is at the front as I come in. In order
4 to meet our goals at 2045, and this is 2020, we cannot be
5 supporting them investing in infrastructure, which they will
6 be very unwilling to retire in the interest of then spending
7 yet more money. And, again, it will be us that will be
8 paying for that. Thank you for your attention.

9 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

10 MS. PARTIDA: Gracias (inaudible).

11 CHAIR DANNER: Gracias for your statement.

12 All right. Ivy Sigmon, and Stacy Oaks, you are up next.

13 MS. SIGMON: Hi.

14 CHAIR DANNER: Good evening.

15 MS. SIGMON: Good evening. She just mentioned what I was
16 going to say that there's no reason for raising the gas rate
17 because nationally the gas rate is going down and PSE have
18 raised the gas rate over and over again.

19 UNIDENTIFIABLE FEMALE: Excuse me, could you please speak
20 into the microphone, we cannot hear you. Get real close to
21 it.

22 MS. SIGMON: And also, I would like this commission to
23 check the billing system that PSE have because when they are
24 requesting rate increases, they don't say or they don't
25 explain why do we pay for others in our billing. And some

1 time they go for 50 cents \$7 every month. And I would like
2 to know -- I have requested to explain to us what these
3 others are, but they won't -- they just give you a general
4 explanation saying, oh, that includes your credit and your
5 charges, whatever those are.

6 And so please consider that before you do the rate
7 increases because they are getting money by not making their
8 billing very clear.

9 CHAIR DANNER: Okay. Thank you very much. Now we have
10 some team members here from the UTC who can give you a
11 number to call. And we can talk about the bill or we have
12 people at our staff who will talk to you about the bill if
13 you have questions about it. Thank you.

14 Stacy Oaks and Kim Dobson you are up next.

15 MS. OAKS: Hi, good evening. My name is Stacy Oaks. And
16 it's a good day to be here with you on the land of the Coast
17 Salish people. And I know I came before you in Lacey, and I
18 spoke a lot about -- I spoke a lot about having moral
19 objections to where my money went when we're paying PSE and
20 I want to reiterate those things. And partly what I've done
21 is I will be turning in a petition signed by over 1800
22 people urging for that same consideration.

23 So along with the idea that we're paying for stuff when
24 PSE is already getting so much -- so many federal subsidies.
25 PSE is not paying federal income taxes. Their CEO made,

1 what, 7 and-a-half million dollars in 2018. So there's a
2 lot of reasons just monetarily-wise that we shouldn't be
3 giving money to this corporation because they don't need it.
4 And they're choosing to spend it unwisely on PR campaigns,
5 on greenwashing of fracked gas, on lobbying, on making sure
6 that when other communities want to start banning gas in new
7 buildings, they're there to try to hold that back.

8 So along with that, we also want to make sure that when
9 we're looking at the lowest cost, which is some of the terms
10 used by the UTC, I invite you to think of cost as something
11 more than a dollar sign. I invite you to think of all of
12 the costs of continuing to use fracked gas. Those costs
13 include kicking indigenous people off of their land. It's
14 happening right now up in BC, Canada. BC is one of the main
15 places where PSE proposes to get gas for some of its
16 projects, including the Tacoma LNG project.

17 Very recently, the Wet'suwet'en people were kicked off
18 unseated land at gunpoint. That just happened for a gas
19 pipeline. When we say okay to gas, we are complicit in this
20 behavior. We're complicit in that poison water. We're
21 complicit in Tacoma where a project is already
22 three-quarters of the way constructed while that tribe
23 argues that they weren't consulted and that it's not the
24 Port's land to be building on. And somehow we're supposed
25 to act like we don't see that or we don't know that when we

1 okay these decisions. We have to stop giving money to
2 things that are harming other people for one set of people
3 to be more comfortable.

4 And as a grandmother, what hurts me the most is knowing
5 that when we continue to permit more fossil fuel projects in
6 the face of what global scientists are telling us, it is
7 upholding the genocide of future generations, it's nothing
8 short of that. My granddaughter does not automatically get
9 to have grandchildren of her own unless people in your types
10 of seats make different decisions than we've been doing.
11 These are life or death decisions. And I really invite you
12 to think deeply about being in your seats in this moment in
13 history, the opportunity before you to be a hero in your own
14 grandchildren's story, in your own children's story. You're
15 living that right now.

16 We need you to make decisions on the side of the people,
17 the people of Washington and all of the people of the globe
18 that don't get a say in whether we continue fossil fuels or
19 not. So please make your decision on the side of the
20 people. Thank you.

21 CHAIR DANNER: All right, thank you. Did you have a
22 petition you say, have you given it to --

23 MS. OAKS: I was going to electronically email in
24 the -- all of the signers.

25 CHAIR DANNER: Okay, that's great. Thank you very much.

1 Okay, Kim Dobson.

2 MR. DOBSON: Good evening hearing board members. I'm a
3 rate payer and I have been for at least 40 to 50 years at
4 6330 Eliason Drive Northwest, Olympia, Washington. I also
5 object to the rate hikes and I also don't agree with the
6 move towards fracked gas. I don't think we should have to
7 pay for infrastructure that we are only going to use 2
8 percent of the time with this LNG Plant. The Puyallup tribe
9 has clearly stated that it does not want it.

10 And, you know, the -- because of the City of Tacoma is the
11 lead agency, it has eliminated itself from the governor's
12 energy citing committee purview, which makes it kind of
13 unaccountable. And I'm hoping that the Department of
14 Ecology will do a better job than the ORCA or the Clean Air
15 Agency that just said it had no significant inputs or
16 significant affect on the environment.

17 So with all of that, some of this rate hike, especially
18 for gas, is going for the construction of this so called
19 storage facility. And I object to that. It's -- it is a
20 sneaker, and that is an export facility to the Pacific Rim,
21 supposedly trying to be a storage facility for PSE customers
22 and the Salish Sea. And I think they're not being honest
23 with us about it.

24 One of the other things that I object to is a couple of
25 bills that are related to this gas pipeline business. HB

1 2515 allows PSE and Williams pipeline to enlarge pipelines
2 without the governor's energy citing committee purview as a
3 so called green looking for leaks in the pipelines, which
4 allows them to enlarge the pipeline to feed the distribution
5 system into the storage tank.

6 So I've already written to the legislators, Shewmake and
7 Fitzgibbons, the two of the ones that are sponsoring the
8 bill. And they are greenwashing the reason. And I think
9 they need to be more transparent. And if I didn't know any
10 better, I would say PSE's lobbyist, Paul Berrets (phonetic),
11 had something to do with the loophole in that legislation.

12 So at any rate, I don't think we need a rate hike for the
13 electricity either. They just got a rate hike. And I too
14 purchase green power and I object to the wind power being
15 sold to Californians, that's how PSE makes its money. So
16 technically we get very little of that wind power as the
17 share of the dams on the Columbia, the power that we get in
18 Tier 2, those public power groups of energy.

19 And I want the coal plants, that coal strip shutdown
20 immediately, faster, on a faster schedule. They are the
21 most polluting, most polluting coal plants in the country
22 and in the west.

23 At any rate, thanks for listening to me and I probably
24 used up my time and please do the right thing.

25 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much, I appreciate it.

1 All right. Don Marsh and Victoria Leistman, you are on
2 deck. Okay. Mr. Marsh.

3 MR. MARSH: Good evening. My name is Don Marsh. I'm the
4 president of the non-profit citizen's organization CENSE,
5 the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy.
6 I've served on PSE's integrated resource plan advisory group
7 for several years. And I'm now a member of the company's
8 technical advisory group. These volunteer roles have
9 provided some insight regarding PSE's future plans.

10 The Eastside community is deeply concerned with two local
11 transmission projects. Energize Eastside and the Lake Hills
12 Transmission Line. The commission has stated that these
13 projects do not follow Washington Administrative Code
14 480-100-238, which requires PSE to submit a biannual
15 integrated resource plan describing future generation and
16 transmission needs. PSE has violated this code by
17 repeatedly omitting transmission planning from the IRP.
18 This is important because these transmission lines would not
19 significantly improve reliability yet would destroy
20 thousands of valuable urban trees, increase safety risks and
21 raise electricity bills by hundreds of millions of dollars
22 throughout PSE service territory.

23 The primary benefit factors of these projects are not rate
24 payers, but PSE's foreign investors. For example, PSE has
25 spent over 70 million dollars on studies and advertising for

1 it's Energize Eastside project, yet refuses to provide data
2 demonstrating the company's assertion that peak demand for
3 electricity is growing rapidly on the Eastside. PSE's
4 annual reports to the federal energy regulatory commission
5 show peak demand has been falling throughout PSE's territory
6 over the last 15 years.

7 As we speak here tonight, PSE is preparing to cut down 300
8 trees in East Bellevue to build the new Lake Hills
9 Transmission Line. Although PSE claims this project will
10 improve the liability, the fact is that it would have
11 prevented only one or two outages during the 13 years since
12 it was proposed. The cost to our community and our natural
13 resources is simply too high. The project was unanimously
14 rejected by the East Bellevue Community Council and is
15 strongly opposed by the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association.
16 It is also opposed by CENSE and ten other neighborhood and
17 environmental groups, as well as over a thousand residents
18 who signed a petition asking PSE for a better solution.

19 Given the current statutes for regulated utilities, you
20 may not be able to stop these projects. The commissioners
21 do have the power to deny a rate increase. We urge you to
22 exercise your authority, enforce the Washington
23 Administrative Code and for PSE's own sake, encourage the
24 company to listen to its customers and engage with community
25 leaders. Until PSE takes corrective steps, we ask you to

1 reject the company's requested rate increase. Thank you
2 very much.

3 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

4 All right. Victoria Leistman and Rich Voget, you are
5 next. Good evening.

6 MS. LEISTMAN: Good evening. My name is Victoria
7 Leistman, I'm an organizer with the Sierra Club. Thank you
8 so much for taking the time to listen to people this
9 evening. Sierra Club represents thousands of members across
10 Washington State who are Puget Sound Energy rate payers.
11 And I am speaking on behalf of them tonight to ask you to
12 deny these rate increases.

13 And I want to be really frank, too, I've heard a few
14 people start by mentioning Puget Sound Energy is a foreign
15 owned corporation. I would go as far as to also say that
16 they're a fossil fuel company. All of their actions up to
17 date have demonstrated that they are first and foremost
18 interested in their bottom line of continuing to pop up
19 fossil fuel plants, whether that be coal or natural gas, and
20 their integrated resource planning and their public
21 engagement process and the misinformation campaigns that
22 they've put out there reflect that. And it is time that we
23 stop treating them like a utility that is actually
24 participating in public process and abiding by your
25 regulatory requirements because that's absolutely not what

1 has happened.

2 In Tacoma, they have built an LNG facility before they
3 received all the proper permits. An LNG facility that you
4 pointed out in your 2017 acknowledgement letter needed to be
5 counted for if it didn't go on line at all because it was
6 such a falsely cited project and the environmental review
7 process was such a sham. That facility -- rate payers will
8 be paying for more than 40 percent of that project when less
9 than 2 percent of it is going for peak shaving means. And
10 it's absolutely unacceptable that we continue to allow PSE
11 to come back and get rate hikes approved in this way.

12 To echo some of the folks ahead of me, too, the time to
13 act was yesterday. And I feel inspired by elected officials
14 who are willing to stretch the bounds of what their
15 processes are and to take action that maybe hasn't been
16 taken in the past, recognizing the dire times that we're in.
17 And I believe in each of you to listen to the folks that you
18 are taking the time to engage with this evening and apply
19 that to your decision on this rate case. Thank you.

20 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

21 All right. Rich Voget, did I get that right? All right.

22 And Steven Storms, you are up next.

23 MR. VOGET: Good evening, sir. When the airlines were a
24 fledgling industry, railroads had all the money. But the
25 railroads didn't consider broadening their business model

1 and say, we're in the business of moving people and freight
2 in general. They said only on rails. And then subsequently
3 basically the airline industry pretty well bankrupted the
4 railroads. And now we're in a similar situation where
5 renewable energy is a fledgling industry, and the fossil
6 fuel companies have all the money. And it's time for them
7 to wake up and realize that they need to broaden their
8 outlook and say we're energy companies providing energy to
9 the public and all the climate science proves that. You
10 know, we cannot afford to continue to be using fossil fuels.

11 So I object to this idea that we have to keep funding
12 their projects. In their little handout here they say that
13 it's capital investment and the expenses are growing at a
14 faster pace. Well, they're investing in more fossil fuel
15 projects. That LNG facility that Victoria just told you all
16 about in Tacoma, you know, they did it without the proper
17 permits. And, you know, why should we be forced to pay for
18 something we ought to be pushing -- applauding all their
19 efforts to get into renewable energy. The bill that was
20 passed last session in Olympia said we got to get to 100
21 percent clean by 2045. And investing in more fossil fuel at
22 this juncture isn't going to get them there, but they'll
23 keep on using rate payer money for lobbyist to tell
24 legislators to slowdown their legally required things they
25 have to do with that law. They'll say, oh, sorry, you know,

1 we couldn't -- it was too expensive to do it or something
2 like that.

3 So just tell them they've got to get off the fossil fuels.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much.

6 All right. Steven Storms, and Barbara Church you had a
7 question mark about whether you wanted to speak tonight.
8 All right, come on up. Mr. Storms, good evening.

9 MR. STORMS: Yes, my name is Steven Storms. I'm a rate
10 payer and resident in northeast Tacoma. I have a degree in
11 chemical engineering from the United States Military Academy
12 at West Point and the University of Arkansas, past Chairman
13 of Puget Sound Institute of Chemical Engineers. I was a
14 licensed PE. I have over 40 years experience in the energy
15 and environmental field. I retired from Weyerhaeuser as
16 project director of process evaluation, which did
17 benchmarking and cost comparison. I'm a member of the
18 Pierce County Local Emergency Planning Committee. I'm a
19 board member of the Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council,
20 vice chairman of ACT, which is Advocates for a Cleaner
21 Tacoma. Chairman of the board for several large, non-profit
22 retirement communities, a father and a grandfather. And I
23 also play tennis, which means I breathe a lot of the air.
24 I never protested anything before, never marched for
25 anything except when I was at West Point. Now after

1 retirement, I've become active in fighting to prevent a
2 climate catastrophe. I do believe that we must stop using
3 fossil fuels and prevent further carbon emissions. To be
4 open, I do live within the safety zone of the LNG plant. I
5 am planning on selling my house due to proximity. Both of
6 my adult children and their families have already moved.

7 I could speak on many different issues with the LNG plant,
8 this would include safety, ownership, process, need, tribal
9 rights and many more. Since this is a UTC, I will target
10 mostly the financial misrepresentation. The LNG plant being
11 built in Tacoma by Puget Sound Energy is a fraud for the
12 rate paying public on many different levels. The public is
13 being forced to pay 43 percent of the capital. This is
14 estimated to be \$133,000,000 of the \$310,000,000 the plant
15 cost. Besides the use for the TOTE Ship, the project was
16 presented is a peak shaving plant that would provide the
17 public with natural gas on the coldest days when the uses
18 was extremely high. Originally, the public was going to use
19 about 7 percent of the total production.

20 PSE has now changed their plans and are now projecting a
21 need for vaporizing LNG from the plant for ten years. This
22 reduces a total public consumption from the plant to about 2
23 percent. It appears that PSE is using the peak shaving
24 function to obtain extra \$133,000,000 from the rate payers.

25 This contribution from the public makes this one of the

1 most attractive projects that PSE could make. Depending on
2 how you want to determine a return on investment, there are
3 two views that show this extremely profitable project for
4 PSE. The rate payers contribute 133,000,000 of the
5 \$310,000,000 project. This would give PSE's project an
6 extra return on investment of 43 percent.

7 If you look at it a different way, the rate payers
8 contribute 133 million towards the project and PSE
9 contributes 177. This would give PSE a 75 percent return on
10 their investment, that's 133 over 177. No matter how you
11 calculate the profit for PSE, they will continue to use the
12 peak shaving argument in order to receive extra ordinary
13 windfall.

14 There also appears to be a bait and switch scam proposed
15 for the peak shaving need. While the need was originally
16 described as a need for customer, the latest iteration
17 indicates that the revaporized natural gas from the LNG
18 Plant will actually be used for electric generation at power
19 plants.

20 The permit recently issued by Puget Sound and Clean Air
21 stipulates that only natural gas from British Columbia and
22 Alberta that can be used to supply the LNG facility. PSCAA
23 used some PSE published numbers that indicate the natural
24 gas leakage from British Columbia were much lower than
25 anywhere else in the world. And that could be challenged.

1 The thing I wanted to point out, a single source agreement
2 leads to non-competitive pricing. There is no incentive to
3 keep the prices low and it is known that there is no other
4 suppliers that will be competing against you. A single
5 source agreement is unwise due to the fact that any problems
6 apply could curtail the LNG plant. Things such as strikes
7 or accidents could completely shutdown the supply to the LNG
8 facility. A perfect example is the Enbridge pipeline
9 explosion that recently forced a curtailment of supply.

10 While natural gas prices have reached extremely low price
11 every in the US, PSE is requesting rate increases due to
12 their single sourcing. The rate paying customer in the
13 Pacific Northwest are paying for this single source plant.

14 The new British Columbia majority ownership of Puget Sound
15 Energy is a definite problem. When British Columbia is the
16 major owner of PSE and they also have a contract that says
17 all natural gas must come from British Columbia, they cannot
18 be an impartial transaction. It can only lead to at least
19 an appearance, if not actual conflict of interest.

20 The recent collapse of the fracking industry financial
21 viability has been well documented. Many companies have
22 lost billions of dollars. The right (inaudible) have just
23 begun. Projects are now being canceled. Most projects do
24 not have a captive customer that they can pass through all
25 their losses. And the fracking industry in BC will have PSE

1 LNG to cover any losses.

2 PSE can legitimately go to the UTC and request rate hikes
3 because of the increased cost of natural gas coming from BC.
4 Well, at the same time, natural gas is at an extremely low
5 price everywhere. In some cases it is being given away to
6 get rid of it.

7 CHAIR DANNER: Mr. Storm, do you have much longer?

8 MR. STORM: I can quit any time.

9 CHAIR DANNER: You've gone way over 3 minutes.

10 MR. STORM: Okay.

11 CHAIR DANNER: So if you have written comments that you
12 would like to give to staff, we can get them into the
13 record.

14 MR. STORM: So please do not be an enabler, do not allow
15 PSE to increase prices. Do not give PSE any governmental
16 incentives to build a contributor to global warming. Your
17 goal should be to find ways to reduce fossil fuels, thank
18 you.

19 CHAIR DANNER: All right, thank you very much.

20 All right, Barbara Church, come forward. I want to
21 check -- I see we have a number of people who are here from
22 Vashon and I want to make sure, I know you have ferries to
23 catch. Are you pressed for time? Shall I take you out of
24 order?

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We appreciate that.

1 CHAIR DANNER: Okay, you will be up next, I'll be calling
2 on you. Thank you Ms. Church, go ahead.

3 MS. CHURCH: Thank you. My name is Barbara Church. I am
4 a retired educator and a member of the conversation of
5 social justice group in the City of Tacoma.

6 Over 60 percent of Puget Sound Energy comes from -- PSE's
7 energy comes from fossil fuels. This corporation fits into
8 a pattern of systemic racism where Puget Sound Energy puts
9 its economic gain above the health, welfare and safety of
10 residents and especially indigenous communities and
11 communities of color. This is the case in Tacoma where I
12 live only two miles from the LNG facility.

13 These industries have encroached on the Puyallup tribe's
14 lands, waters and diminished their salmon runs and limited
15 their ability to practice traditional ways.

16 So I'm really actually pretty scared that this project is
17 so close to me because after Osama bin Laden was killed and
18 they got intel from Al-Qaeda. There's a Richard Clark
19 report that says don't build an LNG facility like this in an
20 urban area, which is exactly what we have. And I won't get
21 into that right now, but it's pretty scary for me. It's
22 pretty scary for the communities and Kwakwaka'wakw
23 reservation.

24 I grew up poor. And so quite often we have our
25 electricity turned off. Now, I listen to people talk before

1 me and talk about the huge rates that Puget Sound Energy
2 charged to just restart. I mean I lived through a blizzard
3 with no energy in my house. We had a fire place, but you
4 know how that works, the heat goes up.

5 So the other thing that worries me is that I heard last
6 week on the news that China -- that the China trade project
7 that our president put together is requiring that China buy
8 LNG from the United States. And if you look on the map
9 where we are situated and where Tacoma is, it's pretty scary
10 that there's going to be a lot of pressure. And I know
11 there's a lot of promotion because I see commercials all the
12 time promoting liquified natural gas.

13 But I want to end with -- because it was -- you know, we
14 just celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. And
15 I want to end with some of his vision and some of his words.
16 The time is always right to do what is right. Don't raise
17 those rates and don't allow the expansion of the fossil fuel
18 industry. Thank you.

19 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much, Ms.
20 Church.

21 Okay. Kevin Jones and Noah Roselander, you are up next.
22 Good evening.

23 MR. JONES: Good evening. Thank you, Chair Danner and
24 Commissioner Rendahl and Balasbas. I am Kevin Jones, I am a
25 technical advisor group member for Puget Sound Energy and a

1 Puget Sound customer for pretty much my entire life here in
2 the Northwest.

3 PSE is requesting a 7.7 increase in residential
4 electricity rates. One point of their justification, as I
5 received from the mailer that they sent me, is technology
6 systems that allow customers to interact with PSE at their
7 convenience. You should reject this portion of the rate
8 request.

9 During the 2017 IRP hearing and during the entirety of the
10 2019 PSE IRP process which includes 125 inputs to PSE during
11 the May 2019 listening session, no customers asked for a
12 better interface to Puget Sound Energy. These are the
13 things that companies do to increase their efficiency and
14 sometimes to actually reduce their work force.

15 What customers have asked for and, as you well know,
16 they've asked over and over again is for Puget Sound Energy
17 to use current science and up to date data in the IRP
18 process. Incorporating these requests would enable Puget
19 Sound Energy to acquire assets that are truly -- represent
20 least reasonable costs and particularly now with renewable
21 energy rates being so much more cost effective than fossil
22 fuel rates. Basically, lower cost energy, electricity
23 generation assets would contribute to a lower most
24 reasonable cost than Puget Sound Energy currently sees in
25 their planning right now.

1 There's a number of things that customers asked for in the
2 listening session, specifically using sufficient technical
3 justification for capital projects, Don Marsh referred to
4 Energize Eastside as one example; using current renewable
5 energy costs; using current demand forecast, as Don
6 mentioned, sometimes we see increased demand when in fact
7 the data shows that it's decreasing; and to incorporate a
8 demand response so that they could actually manage that
9 load.

10 The PSE response to those types of listening session
11 inputs, and I'll quote, "stakeholders do not always agree
12 with PSE's decision related to the modelling inputs.

13 Stakeholders will have an opportunity to revisit many of the
14 technical topics discussed during the 2021 IRP process."

15 PSE is basically saying stakeholders can try again in
16 another year to have us address these technical issues, but
17 they're ignoring the opportunity to do so right now.

18 So, you're basically going to get another letter from me.
19 Thank you for recognizing those letters about PSE's
20 accountability regarding the public input process. But PSE
21 is failing to address these very specific, technical inputs
22 means they're also ignoring the legislative demand in the
23 Clean Energy Transformation Act. The utilities have an
24 important role to play in this transformation. They need to
25 listen to the technical inputs. They need to incorporate

1 those, and they need to clearly define when input is being
2 used and when it is not and why is it not being used.

3 The letters that you're seeing are an attempt to get a
4 dialogue started so that we can get to the bottom of what
5 PSE's options are. And our goals are to find a way to get
6 to, not only renewable energy, but to the lowest reasonable
7 cost in doing so.

8 Hundreds of PSE customers are asking the utility to
9 include items in the IRP analysis that would reduce cost and
10 allow the utility to reduce their carbon pollution. It is
11 critical that you send PSE a message as the state
12 legislature clarified in the Clean Energy Transformation Act
13 that they get on with it.

14 I urge you to hold the utility accountable at this rate
15 case hearing and make sure you do not allow any rate
16 recovery unless these are things customers have asked for or
17 that comply with the (inaudible). I appreciate your time.

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

20 Okay. Noah Roselander, and John Williams, you're up next.

21 MR. ROSELANDER: Good evening, my name is Noah Roselander
22 from Vashon, a member of Vashon Climate Action Group and PSE
23 rate payer.

24 We're in the climate crisis and regulatory bodies like the
25 UTC are on the front lines. You have leverage and power

1 that most of us do not. Everything the UTC does must start
2 with the priority of working to end the burning of fossil
3 fuels because the future of life on the planet requires it.

4 That said, I understand this is a rate case hearing so
5 I'll make an economic point. Carbon Tracker is an
6 organization that advises institutional investors. They
7 introduce the concept of stranded assets to speak to the
8 economic risk of climate change. They define stranded
9 assets as "fossil fuel supply generation resources, which at
10 so many times prior to the end of their economic life are no
11 longer able to earn an economic return as a result of
12 changes associated with the transition to a low carbon
13 economy."

14 Their research shows that there are literally trillions of
15 dollars of investment in fossil fuel infrastructure will be
16 rendered worthless. PSE has not done what they can and
17 should do to advance the transition from fossil fuels to
18 renewable energy. And now, again, they're asking for rate
19 increases to support their fossil fuel infrastructure which
20 is destined to become stranded assets and a huge financial
21 liability. Who's going to get stuck with the financial
22 burden resulting from PSE's poor decision making. The UTC
23 must ensure it is not the rate payers. The financial hole
24 that PSE is digging itself into is the result of PSE's
25 failure to make the changes that many other utility

1 companies, public and private, are making today.

2 PSE spends millions annually on lobbying political
3 contributions, marketing, greenwashing. They are not doing
4 it to get more customers, they have the customers, they're
5 doing it to increase their own profits on the backs of rate
6 payers, thank you.

7 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you, sir. John Williams.
8 And Ana Jamborcic, you are next. Good evening, sir.

9 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. Hi, my name is John Williams. And I
10 am a rate payer and I oppose this rate increase.

11 Puget Sound Energy is asking the UTC for an additional 6.9
12 percent in electrical revenue and 7.9 percent increase in
13 natural gas revenue. This is after raising gas rates by 14
14 percent in November despite a 50 percent reduction in the
15 market for gas -- market price for gas.

16 Unlike publicly owned utilities, Puget Sound Energy gets
17 more than 60 percent of it's energy from dirty fossil fuel
18 such as coal and fracked gas and are only now reluctantly
19 getting off coal. To meet our climate goals requires
20 phasing out fracked gas. PSE is not doing that and the UTC
21 approving huge rate increases sends the wrong message to
22 them.

23 This rate hike is really because of a huge pipeline
24 explosion in British Columbia that led to rationing and
25 almost caused power outages. This shows that their gas

1 infrastructure, as it's setup now, is not reliable. Why
2 should Washington consumers be forced to pay more for it
3 when cleaner and safer electricity is available.

4 CEO Kimberly Harris made 7.6 million in compensation in
5 2018. Over the last ten years, PSE's total political
6 spending in Washington has been 7,000,000 compared to
7 2,000,000 for Amazon. PSE is part of a \$1,000,000 PR
8 campaign to fight any initiatives that curb fossil fuels.
9 From 2016 to 2018 PSE spent over \$1,700,000 in lobbyists in
10 Olympia. That's almost \$400,000 more than Amazon spent
11 during the same time period.

12 And as stated in your own info sheet, this increase is
13 primarily for shareholder profit. To me, it appears that
14 PSE is being used as a revenue stream for Canadian
15 retirement funds. And they are milking this cash cow until
16 it dies without putting any thought into it's part in the
17 future.

18 Why should we as rate payers be expected to pay for poor
19 management? If they need to cover increased cost, they
20 should be reducing their payments to shareholders and
21 salaries to executives and lobbying and not asking rate
22 payers to cover the loss.

23 I urge the UTC to reject this request for an increased
24 rate. Thank you.

25 CHAIR DANNER: All right, thank you very much.

1 Okay. Ana Jamborcic, did I get that right?

2 MS. JAMBORCIC: Close enough. So I am a resident and a
3 rate payer. I live in King County in Seattle and I also own
4 a small business. I've been in the energy industry for
5 almost ten years and I've worked in software for longer than
6 that. And I've been -- last time I was in this building was
7 actually about three years ago when I also talked at a
8 similar rate increase request. And I just remember there
9 was a lot of, you know, question about, you know, is this
10 going to be good for fossil fuel versus renewable energy.
11 And I made the point that they should really invest heavily
12 into renewable energy. And since then, in the three years
13 since then, I haven't seen that happen. I've seen an
14 incredible amount of money go into lots of fossil fuel and
15 other kind of projects.

16 And so even this kind of paper smart meters and get to
17 zero initiative as well operate and maintain electric and
18 natural gas systems, even I think they're proposing from
19 expert opinion don't really make sense. Smart meters alone
20 aren't really an effective way to invest money at this
21 point. And then the whole goal of like we will review your
22 total financial plans for closing fossil fuel resources
23 through the established rate hike process.

24 So I would -- to me it's a clear case that this rate
25 increase is completely crazy. They have the money and they

1 are not investing it correctly. And it is all of our jobs
2 to make sure that we hold them accountable. But in addition
3 to that, I think we should say no more rate increases until
4 all of your investment is just into fossil-free
5 investment -- fossil fuel free investment.

6 So that would be my recommendation. Thank you for your
7 time.

8 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much.

9 Okay. Jordan VanVoast, did I get that right? And then
10 Nicholas Bonazza, you're on deck. Go ahead, sir.

11 MR. VANVOAST: Good evening, thanks for taking the time to
12 listen.

13 So I just want to start by echoing the recognition that
14 standing on the coast Salish land. My name is Jordan
15 VanVoast, I'm a medical professional, a faith leader, a PSE
16 rate payer in Seattle and a parent.

17 PSE's rate increase should be denied for several reasons.
18 We live in a country where socialism is labeled an evil and
19 by the political establishment and where bankruptcies, due
20 to the high cost of medical care, are at an all time high
21 because people can't afford to see a doctor. But a foreign
22 owned, private utility corporation pushing its toxic fossil
23 fuel products expects us to pay more while the executives
24 with their seven figure salaries and bonuses launch
25 greenwashed PR campaigns to convince us that fracked gas is

1 safe and clean.

2 At a time when a climate apocalypse limbs over our world
3 or arguably is already here, we shouldn't be rewarding
4 companies that show little interest in renewable energy but
5 keep on promoting dangerous fracked gas releasing methane
6 into the atmosphere, feeling the climate emergency as well
7 as death and destruction due to the implicit dangers
8 involved in fossil fuel extraction and transportation and
9 the erasure of indigenous tribes.

10 The proposed rate hike isn't even a cost of business
11 connected to services provided, it's a brazen attempt at a
12 profit grab, which is criminal, at least in an ethical
13 sense.

14 Please consider these adverse impacts of PSE's business.
15 I urge you to deny the proposed rate hike by Puget Sound
16 Energy, thank you.

17 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you, sir.

18 All right. Nicholas Bonazza and Jerry Ball, you signed
19 up. I don't know if you wish to testify or not. Did you?

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No.

21 CHAIR DANNER: No, okay. Then Neal Anderson, you are up
22 next. Go ahead, sir.

23 MR. BONAZZA: Hi there. You've mentioned some of these,
24 actually in your opening statements, David, you mentioned
25 some of these figures yourself. So I'll go quickly, it's

1 just a statement that I have and I have to catch a boat.

2 This is a request that the state utilities and
3 transportation commission stop approving rate hikes for a
4 privately held Puget Sound Energy. I live on Vashon Island,
5 which is served by Puget Sound Energy, which, as we've been
6 listening, is a for-profit gas and electric utility
7 provider.

8 Our community and our state support climate change goals
9 that require phasing out these fossil fuels. The company
10 has made no investments -- has made few investments in
11 alternative energy sourcing but continue to force dependents
12 on these fossil fuels. We all know -- we've heard this just
13 now, Puget Sound Energy gets over 60 percent of it's
14 electrical power from dirty fossil fuels still coal, oil and
15 fracked gas. In it's most recent 20-year plan, they intend
16 to expand it's natural gas infrastructure, a methane
17 potential heat trapping greenhouse gas, mostly sourced from
18 fracking.

19 PSE is owned by a foreign investment company that includes
20 a pension fund that's heavily invested in oil and fracked
21 gas. As a public and regulatory agency, the WUTC is tasked
22 with ensuring energy rates that are reasonable for customers
23 while allowing a company a fair profit.

24 PSE just filed for another rate increase for residential
25 customers even though they just raised rates by 14 percent

1 two months ago. And there's been a 50 percent reduction in
2 market gas prices. Approving 6.9 percent in electricity
3 revenue and 7.9 percent in additional gas revenue translates
4 to more than \$200,000,000 annually for the majority Canadian
5 shareholder owned corporation.

6 PSE is building a controversial Tacoma LNG plant. And
7 although less than 2 percent of this infrastructure is
8 designed for residential customers. They plan to pass 43
9 percent of the construction costs through higher utility
10 rates.

11 I ask you, we ask you, to please deny this requested rate
12 height, thanks.

13 CHAIR DANNER: All right, thank you. All right. I am
14 sensitive that folks who need to catch ferries need to catch
15 ferries. Is there anyone else here from Vashon who needs to
16 speak and run? Okay. Thank you all for being truthful.
17 Neal Anderson come forward. And Jessica Scalzo, you are on
18 deck.

19 MR. ANDERSON: Thanks. I'm here because I'm concerned
20 that the LNG facility in Tacoma could become a stranded
21 asset. Four months ago, the International Maritime
22 Organization created a working group to study the climate
23 impacts of different fuel options. In their final summary
24 statement, they concluded that LNG is not a climate solution
25 for shipping. If the IMO is casting doubt on the future of

1 LNG for fuelling ships, this seems like a pretty
2 irresponsible investment. But it's worse than just a bad
3 idea financially.

4 Climate change isn't a distant threat that we still have
5 time to prevent. The midwest just had the worse flooding in
6 their history with 14 million people affected. And we all
7 know what's happening here in Australia.

8 We have known this was coming for more than 40 years. But
9 instead of working on solutions, we've allowed more and more
10 fossil fuel projects to go forward. We can't bring the
11 temperatures down now. We've committed ourselves to this
12 level of ongoing disaster. We'll keep reading stories like
13 this because we failed to act in time. All we can do now is
14 limit how bad it gets. But it won't stop getting worse
15 until all fossil fuel emissions stop.

16 We need to be doing everything we can to phase out gas and
17 this is an attempt to lock us into even more of it.

18 Doubling down on more fossil fuels means intentionally
19 harming the next generation in pursuit of greater profit.

20 These projects are designed to last decades and they only
21 make financial sense if they operate long enough. By
22 investing in this facility, PSE is betting that the fossil
23 fuel era will last another 20 to 30 years. But at this
24 point, that's betting against humanity. This is not a bet
25 the PSE rate payers should be required to fund. Thank you.

1 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you, sir.

2 Okay. Ms. Scalzo.

3 MS. SCALZO: Hi, thank you. My name is Jessica Scalzo and
4 I am a resident of Seattle. I grew up on the Eastside, so
5 I'm familiar with PSE. But I also just heard a few people
6 from Seattle say they pay PSE. I was under the impression
7 that I'm paying Seattle Public Utilities, I could be
8 incorrect about that.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Gas.

10 MS. SCALZO: Oh, okay, thank you. I'm here today because
11 I am very concerned about the LNG facility and the fact that
12 these rate increases are helping to profit up, especially
13 most recently with what has happened in Australia. I'm very
14 concerned that we would be continuing to support fossil
15 fuels. And at this point it seems like something that's
16 quite archaic. So I'm really concerned that we are still
17 pushing that.

18 And I just wanted to come and make my voice heard about
19 that. If we are going to continue to push it, which I
20 really hope that we don't, that rate payers are not required
21 to fund our own planet destruction. So thank you for the
22 time, I appreciate it.

23 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

24 All right. Warren Halverson and Peter Fink, you're on
25 deck.

1 MR. HALVERSON: Good evening, Commissioners Danner,
2 Rendahl and Balasbas. My name is Warren Halverson, a
3 40-year resident and rate payer in Bellevue. Both my
4 daughters and their families live here. I'm a retired
5 business executive formerly with US West, a regulated
6 telecommunications company. Most recently I've been very
7 involved in electrical reliability issues and currently
8 serve on Puget Sound Energy's technical advisory committee
9 for the Integrated Resources Plan.

10 I know rate making is a very complex issue and I do not
11 pretend to be an expert. But I would like to share with you
12 a few concerns about the proposed rate increases. The
13 electrical industry, as we all know, is going through
14 dramatic changes today, really dramatic changes that have
15 changed the whole landscape.

16 In that vain, my concerns are this. PSE's request for a 7
17 percent hike seems really high in relation to economic
18 growth and inflation. Having developed budgets and manage
19 large organization, I would hope that you would review in
20 detail that line by line, the assumptions and actual
21 statistics that require this huge rate increase.

22 A second concern, and maybe the overriding one, is whether
23 the models being used adequately take into consideration
24 macro trends and impacts like wind, solar power, batteries,
25 micro grids, conservation, clean energy initiatives and

1 believe it or not, weather. Very important ingredients in
2 those models that they're using today. I'd like to have you
3 examine them, maybe they need to be refreshed.

4 Clearly, after ten years of dialogue about Energize
5 Eastside, some of the most significant questions still
6 remain unanswered. For rate making purposes, my concerns
7 here is how much is it going to cost? Will it be
8 200,000,000 - 300,000,000 or even more in out-of-pocket
9 expense? Then, will it be a billion or even more over the
10 40 year life of the Energized Eastside project?

11 This is a huge expense for what is basically an off the
12 shelf, brick and mortar product. It seems to me that we
13 should know those projected cost as part of any prudence
14 determination. Who knows, there may be even better
15 solutions.

16 We do know, though, from the FERC reports the PSE has
17 already spent 70, 7-0, million dollars. That's a lot of
18 money. I've been told that this is categorized as ongoing
19 product development expense, expense on an ongoing basis for
20 an age old solution like transmission lines off the shelf,
21 so to speak. This all seems really odd to me. The WTC
22 needs to take a closer look and perhaps even an audit of all
23 expenses associated with this one project to determine if
24 this is a prudent use of rate payers' moneys.

25 Finally, I would like to share with you an article from

1 today's Wall Street Journal entitled Glut Pushes Natural Gas
2 Prices Below \$2. You've heard a little bit about this from
3 my colleagues here in terms of gas prices. Since
4 19 -- since 2018, it's dropped 61 percent. You can't see
5 this chart, I'm going to give you a copy of it. It is truly
6 dramatic, truly dramatic. And yet, we're asking for
7 increases in natural gas prices.

8 How can natural gas go up so much when the expense
9 associated with the product is dramatically falling? It
10 just doesn't make sense to me. The author also suggests
11 here that warmer than expected weather this season has
12 helped drive prices down. The applicability of this warmer
13 weather has a lot to do with the modelling and it also has a
14 lot to do with why you should take a look at peak demand and
15 where peak demand is.

16 I might just simply add that Kevin Jones is also, who
17 spoke a little earlier, is on the IRP committee, so am I and
18 so are several other people. And we are very disappointed
19 to have it cut short. And for five years, since we talked
20 to Phillip Jones and instructed to get involved in the IRP
21 process, have never gotten an answer to some very basic
22 questions on Energize Eastside. Very basic, still not to be
23 answered. Why? Why won't PSE produce those results, those
24 statistics? We would like your help on that, thank you.

25 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much.

1 Mr. Fink. Okay. And Laura Gibbons, you're on deck. Go
2 ahead, sir.

3 MR. FINK: Hi, I am not a rate payer, but I am a cost
4 payer, a toll payer, someone who has to pay the toll of
5 climate change, much like everyone on this planet who will
6 have to pay toll of climate change. I'm not from Seattle
7 either. I'm from somewhere close to the Columbia Gorge.
8 That area there are a lot of wind turbines and quite a few
9 dams as well. These are two examples of renewable energy.
10 Renewable energy has a very bright future ahead of it. And
11 any rational entity would see that. But unfortunately this
12 is a case where we are lacking rational entities. Rational
13 entities would look at the situation and see this, that the
14 fossil fuel industry is going to cost them more long term
15 than renewables. If they switch now, they can save a lot of
16 money.

17 Rational beings would see that they only have ten years to
18 meet the guidelines set here. And that if they delay their
19 action, they're going to have to work a lot faster if they
20 don't want to face heavy, heavy consequences. Rational
21 beings would recognize that the heavy, heavy consequences
22 aren't economic but are consequences of the welfare of their
23 customers.

24 But the people in question, PSE, are not rational, they're
25 not rational entity, they're a cunning entity. They are

1 cunning because they spent almost a million dollars on
2 lobbying. We know they are cunning because they have spent
3 half a million dollars on political campaigns and that was
4 over a two-year period, \$7,000,000 total in their campaign
5 to advertise and push a greenwashing agenda built on this
6 irrational fossil fuel ideal.

7 So I'm asking you to make the rational decision here, not
8 the cunning -- not to listen to the cunning group that
9 exploits their workers, their citizens, their customers.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much, sir. Laura Gibbons,
12 and then Amy Faith is up next. Good evening.

13 MS. GIBBONS: Hello, Commissioners. I don't have much to
14 say that hasn't been said already here. I just, you know,
15 maybe I should have made myself the public utility because
16 it seems like a pretty good way to make money, get
17 guaranteed 9. something percent return. And I would have
18 used clean energy if I were running that utility.

19 I don't think -- I'm particularly unhappy with what PSE
20 has done with respect to the Tacoma LNG Plant. And I just
21 don't think we should be giving any more money to investing
22 in any sort of fossil fuel, in particularly that. Thank
23 you.

24 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

25 All right. Amy Faith, and Don Engelson, you're on deck.

1 MS. FAITH: Yes, I'm Amy Faith and I live on Northeast 8th
2 Street. I'm against the payment increase, the rate increase
3 of Puget Sound Energy because my home is on the path of
4 Puget Sound Energy soon to be built Phantom Lake, lake
5 transmission line. And putting this line will destroy 300
6 mature trees, including those along 148th Avenue and
7 Northeast 8th Street. It is these trees that have given
8 Bellevue, the city in a park moniker.

9 PSE refuses to consider any other options despite public
10 outcry from Bellevue residents, homeowners and environmental
11 groups. Instead, these -- the chainsaws are coming. They
12 are so close now you can see their teeth clinching from
13 here.

14 Please don't let PSE do this to our city, stop them now.
15 We shouldn't be paying higher rates for these people, they
16 need to get out. Thank you.

17 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

18 Mr. Engelson, I am getting down to -- did you swear in?

19 MR. ENGELSON: Yes.

20 CHAIR DANNER: You were one -- okay because we are at some
21 point we are going to have to take the next batch of people
22 and swear them in as well. So we'll get to that. Go ahead,
23 sir.

24 MR. ENGELSON: Thank you. First of all, I wanted to say
25 thank you for giving us this opportunity to voice our

1 concerns, we appreciate it. I grew up here in Bellevue and
2 I have lived here in the northwest for all but three of my
3 years of my life. So this area of the country is very
4 important to me.

5 I have worked at my job in aerospace for over 20 years in
6 Renton and never once have I gotten a 6 percent raise or a 7
7 percent raise or a 14 percent raise. I think I got a raise
8 last year and it was 2 percent. I don't know how Puget
9 Sound Energy expects people, tax payers, to continually be
10 paying 6 percent more, 7 percent more, 14 percent more when
11 we're not making those kind of wages to make up for that.

12 This is the first time that I've actually attended one of
13 these meetings, but I finally got tired of hearing that
14 Puget Sound Energy is once again, asking for a rate hike.
15 And so here I am. I'm just a middle class, working guy and
16 I have other bills to pay and they keep going up too. My
17 water bill is atrocious. My cable bill has gone up \$10 in
18 the last few years a month. And it may seem like nickeling
19 and diming us, but it all adds up and comes out of our
20 bottom line.

21 So I understand that Puget Sound Energy has projects that
22 they need to put money into, but I have projects at home
23 too. And I have to save money from every paycheck in order
24 to pay for my projects. So the bottom line is, I believe
25 that Puget Sound Energy needs to manage their money more

1 responsibly instead of continually coming to the rate payers
2 and asking for another handout. Thank you very much.

3 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

4 All right. Court Olson and then Doug Howell, you're on
5 deck.

6 MR. OLSON: I'll start with a thanks for being here
7 tonight and listening to us. It's just a voice. Court
8 Olson is my name. I live here in Bellevue. I could talk
9 for a long time because my path and the work that I do
10 crosses with Puget Sound Energy fairly frequently. I too am
11 one of the members of the Puget Sound Energy Integrated
12 Resource Planning Technical Advisory Group. I've been doing
13 that for four years now, so I've been through two IRP
14 cycles. I'm also an engineer by training and a construction
15 manager, degrees in those areas. And I work with a couple
16 of different groups related to the building industry that
17 I've been working in all my life. And commercial building
18 and commercial building technology I'm pretty familiar with.
19 One of the groups that I participate in is called Shift Zero
20 and it's a group of organizations, non-profit and for-profit
21 and government agencies collectively trying to push our
22 transition away from the use of fossil fuels in our building
23 sector.

24 So between the design and construction work that I've been
25 overseeing for over 40 years now, the work in those

1 organizations, sitting on the Puget Sound Energy IRP Board,
2 being a resident of Lake Hills here in Bellevue where PSE
3 says we need new transmission lines, even though I've not
4 had an interruption problem in the 30 years I've been living
5 a half mile from the substation that they say needs to be
6 upgraded. And, well, you can hear that I have many things
7 that I could be talking to you about. And I would just
8 offer to you, if you ever would like me to come down and
9 chat with you for an hour or more about my experiences with
10 Puget Sound Energy, then I could explain the summarizing
11 comments I'm going to make.

12 And I've listened to the Senior Vice President, David
13 Mills, for Puget Sound Energy several times say that they're
14 trying to do the right thing and they're wanting to
15 transition off of fossil fuels. And then I see what they
16 actually do over and over and over again. And I come to
17 these conclusions, which I can support with facts, but you
18 don't have the time and I don't have the time tonight to
19 give you all those facts.

20 Puget Sound Energy is a self-serving group of profit
21 making organization. They have very nice people, seemingly
22 convincingly voicing arguments all of the time. But when
23 you ask them to go into details, and I have many times, they
24 can't support what they assert. They're running on
25 antiquated data. They're not transparent. They don't

1 respond to detailed questions over and over and over. And
2 because they're not doing what they say they're doing, I
3 would submit that they're not honest.

4 So we've got a real problem on our hands, those of us that
5 are rate payers and you as commissioners. I don't know how
6 we're going to solve it, but we need to stop fueling this
7 kind of behavior. And one way to stop that is to not give
8 them a rate increase.

9 Thank you for your time.

10 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

11 All right. Doug Howell and up next, Peter Talbot. Good
12 evening.

13 MR. HOWELL: Good evening. So nice to see you, thanks for
14 being here, Commissioner Balasbas, Commissioner Rendahl,
15 Chairman Danner. I just wanted to say -- well, first of all
16 I should say I am Doug Howell with the Sierra Club, senior
17 campaign representative. And I have been working on climate
18 change policy for 30 years. And back in the US Senate in
19 the late '80s, we were doing the run up for the Clean Air
20 Act Amendments of 1990. At that point we wanted to, you
21 know, just get an accounting of CO2. And I've had the
22 opportunity to work on most federal legislation and a great
23 deal and probably majority of state legislation. I've
24 worked with a ton of agencies.

25 And I just want to say for the record, that I know you

1 three care. And I know that your policy staff and the
2 regulatory staff at the agency is really outstanding. And
3 so while you're hearing a lot of angst tonight and anger,
4 which is very justified, it's really about Puget Sound
5 Energy. And while I like a lot of the staff at Puget, I am
6 deeply disappointed and concerned.

7 And so I wanted to just make some comments that I hope can
8 guide your consideration around the rate case tonight. But
9 I want to reference something I heard earlier about Puget
10 being a fossil fuel company and just give a perspective. We
11 did a calculation of all the coal and gas and their
12 electricity. And all the gas on the gas side of the house.
13 We added on the upstream emissions. We think it's about a
14 90 percent increase on emissions profile for gas.

15 When you do an accurate accounting, Puget comes in at
16 around 14 percent. When we did that calculation, by the
17 way, I don't remember the number, I'll get you the
18 calculation our technical staff did at our headquarters in
19 Oakland. I think it was about 15 million tons a year. You
20 know, that puts them on the par with BP. It could be that
21 Puget Sound Energy is the number one fossil fuel polluter in
22 the state as a company. And if not, they're damn close to
23 number one. They're certainly in the top three. So when
24 you all think that Puget is a fossil fuel company, they are
25 a fossil fuel company.

1 But I want to now just go to some technical comments that
2 I think are going to be important as you consider it because
3 when you're thinking about gas, whether it's on the gas side
4 of the house or gas on the electrical side of the house, we
5 know there are costs now that need to be incorporated. When
6 the legislature passed last year the Clean Energy
7 Transformation Act, they passed social cost of carbon, which
8 you pegged at 74 bucks a ton. We don't need to wait for the
9 rules to be finalized on the social cost of carbon to know
10 that that cost is real now. And so as you're doing the
11 calculation on the rates, that needs to be incorporated now.

12 In addition to that, you have upstream and, you know, the
13 agencies are already start to go look at that in the Kalama
14 Methanol case and the case of LNG in Tacoma and Puget has
15 done the calculation. As I said, I think they came in at
16 around 14 percent. And in reality, we believe it's closer
17 to 90. You don't need to wait until the governor's
18 executive order and directive that has now been promulgated
19 last month goes into effect to know that that cost is real.
20 That impact is real. We can't afford to wait.

21 And I want to give you a perspective as you think about
22 some of the analysis you see about upstream, which I think
23 is deeply flawed because it's going to come back to you,
24 whether you use it in the rate case now or when you have to
25 weigh in on the governors rule making. And that is how you

1 think about the gas calculation that goes into upstream.

2 Puget had said it comes from BC. Well, first of all, if you
3 have a facility for 30 or 40 years, you don't know that it's
4 going to come from BC. Second of all, the calculation that
5 we believe they did about the BC gas is deeply flawed.

6 But third and most important, any analysis about gas
7 supply has to be done on a regional basis so you are
8 addressing a fundamental climate concern and
9 climate -- accounting called climate leakage. If in fact
10 they did buy the gas from BC, they are simply pushing other
11 buyers off to other regions of North America, whether it was
12 the Rockies or the Southwest and the emissions are the same.
13 It makes no difference. The only analysis that can be done
14 about fuel supply is a regional fuel analysis. The attorney
15 general came to that same conclusion when looking at the LNG
16 project in Tacoma.

17 So please think about that as you're reviewing it so that
18 we get an accurate accounting of the climate impact, which
19 has a very real cost being under represented in this rate
20 case.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Mr. Howell, you've gone over your
22 time.

23 MR. HOWELL: Okay. We'll leave it at that.

24 CHAIR DANNER: Can you finish up?

25 MR. HOWELL: Yes, I can, I'll make it quick.

1 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you.

2 MR. HOWELL: When Puget did a calculation of these costs,
3 they used 350 for the wholesale rate. They added in social
4 cost of carbon and then they added in their carbonator and
5 we did a more realistic calculation. They come up with 11
6 bucks comes up with what is. We came up with 15. You know,
7 when you take that whole cell rate of 15 bucks per gas and
8 you turn that into what it means for megawatt hour, \$108 a
9 megawatt hour for gas in an efficient turbine just for fuel
10 cost alone.

11 Gas is not worth it. Thank you.

12 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much.

13 All right. Peter Talbot, and Marilyn Mayers is on
14 deck -- Marilyn Mayers. Go ahead.

15 MR. TALBOT: Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My
16 name is Peter Talbot. I'm a rate payer. I live in Redmond.
17 I've become something of a climate activist lately simply
18 because not to try to do something to change the utter
19 degradation of the environment seems unconscionable,
20 especially in the fact that I'm in the line -- in light of
21 the fact that I'm a parent and a grandparent. So my wife
22 and a neighbor have been standing out on a corner of a busy
23 street on Friday mornings with signs during rush hour trying
24 to wave to people. We have quotes from Greta Thundberg that
25 say our house is on fire. We're trying to raise awareness

1 about the climate crisis, which we think it is every bit
2 that.

3 And then along comes PSE and asks me as a rate payer to
4 subsidize their investment in further fossil fuel
5 infrastructure. And I essentially want to express a sense
6 of outrage that I am being expected to pay for what
7 essentially is the cause for this crisis that we're facing.

8 That's basically all I wanted to say, thank you for your
9 time.

10 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

11 All right. Marilyn Mayors, and on deck Paul Wagner. Good
12 evening.

13 MS. MAYERS: Hello. My name is Marilyn Mayors and I have
14 been a resident of Bellevue and a rate payer for the last 33
15 years. And I would like to thank Puget Sound Energy for two
16 little seedlings they gave me some years ago as trees to
17 plant in my garden, which I gladly did. However, it pales
18 in comparison to what damage they are doing with the LNG
19 plant.

20 And I want to say, just take a moment to recognize what is
21 happening in the country, generally, where we are. I think
22 the kind of thing that we're talking about right now is
23 having, a number of people have already addressed this.
24 There is a long term cost to the environment and to faith
25 and the capacity of government to protect our people, our

1 society and our environment for short term gain.

2 A number of people have already spoken about the level of
3 funds that PSE has dedicated to lobbying. And I just want
4 to bring up one example of citizen effort in the case of
5 Thurston County back in 2012 when there was an effort to
6 have a public owned utility as an alternative and it turned
7 into the most expensive election in Thurston County at the
8 time. And PSE spent over 400,000 against the measure, which
9 ultimately wasn't approved by voters.

10 I think when the level of lobbying we're talking about,
11 literally millions of dollars, it is -- and the failure to
12 act on the part of government to, again, support the
13 community in falling through on what we need, which is clean
14 energy, it's a reflection of corruption by another name.
15 And I think it's important that you think in terms of long
16 term, what it does to our state, our society, our community,
17 but at minimally deny the rate increase.

18 I will say one other thing. I would gladly pay for a rate
19 increase if that went towards reparations to the Puyallup as
20 opposed to building an LNG plant. Thank you very much. Do
21 the right thing.

22 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

23 All right. Paul Wagner, and then on deck Aedan McCall.

24 MR. WAGNER: (Speaks in Native language) I am
25 Chilten (phonetic) from Samish, I'm house leader people.

1 We've been here since time of memorial. We've loved every
2 single thing here as we would love our own child. And the
3 decision makings of colonialism has pretty much killed
4 everything we've loved. And now we're sitting here talking
5 about should we let basically a fossil fuel company increase
6 their rates for moving onto our lands illegally, it's been
7 proven in court. It's Puyallup's land, and that's just what
8 it is.

9 And so I would ask you how that would feel to you? Would
10 it feel good if a corporation moved onto your property and
11 built an 8 million gallon fracked gas bomb and it had a 13
12 mile blast zone on your property, illegally? So we're
13 talking about an illegal facility there and an illegal
14 company.

15 These guys are not even from here. They're from Canada
16 and Australia, which by the way have been on fire recently
17 if you guys haven't noticed that. A billion animals have
18 been burned to death. And we're talking about allowing a
19 company who wants to expand fossil fuel as millions of youth
20 rise up around the world fighting for their very lives.

21 We're sitting here having this absurd discussion. It's
22 amazing. It's absolutely amazing that we could be in this
23 room talking about allowing a company who's basically going
24 to eat the future of our children, whether we should allow
25 them to reap more money from us.

1 I am a PSE customer, regrettably. I, from day one, put
2 money into their green energy, and it's a lie. They built
3 that bomb on my people's land. They put up a flag, they got
4 the permit from Tacoma City Council and put that on our
5 territory, it's just the truth. If you look at the map,
6 that's not Tacoma's land. That's Puyallup territory and
7 they said no. They said no over and over and over again.
8 We have said no. How many times do we have to say that?

9 How many times do we have to speak for our Mother Earth
10 and have it fall on deaf ears without a heart? The colonial
11 decisionmaking system only knows its intellect. Could you
12 once think your heart, I'm pleading with you. Our people
13 are pleading with you to open your heart and take a look at
14 what's going on in this world. Be part of this world and be
15 part of the circle of life and make a decision for your
16 grandchildren. Stand up for them, fight for them with a
17 prayer, fight for them with a prayer that they will have a
18 world worth living in. They will have a future because
19 these guys are robbing it. They're robbing it right in
20 front of us, each and every one of us. And we need to stand
21 up and say, no, you're not going to rob the future, let
22 alone rob the money from the common citizen and the person
23 who's locked into their lie of green energy or even if you
24 didn't buy into it.

25 We need to make the right decision. So do not allow that

1 to happen. Do not allow this rate increase. Thank you.

2 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you, sir.

3 All right, Aedan McCall come forward. Roni Vyeda, you
4 signed up maybe. Do you wish to come forward?

5 MR. MCCALL: Hi.

6 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Go ahead, sir.

7 MR. MCCALL: My name is Aeden McCall and I'm 18 years old.
8 That makes me one of the youth that Paul was just talking
9 about right now. So that means I'm not yet a rate payer,
10 but I will be relatively soon. I speak for myself, but I
11 wouldn't be here with out 350 Seattle and the protectors of
12 the Salish Sea telling me about this event and encouraging
13 me to show up and speak about it.

14 And I'm confident that my personal future is at stake in
15 the coming 10 years and that's kind of shocking to hear. So
16 I think that means we all have to take action in accordance
17 with the intergovernmental panel on climate change, maybe
18 you've all heard of it. So, essentially, some of the
19 conclusions from their most recent press releases discussed
20 how there are some regions that are better able to account
21 for climate change than others. And Washington State
22 happens to be, at least in my opinion, one of those regions.

23 And so in that case, there is the opportunity -- well,
24 actually, let me backup a bit. I wanted to acknowledge that
25 we're on stolen land as some people have said before. So I

1 wanted to express my gratitude for that. But getting back
2 to what I was saying, the opportunity we have here, you all
3 have here, to deny PSE this rate increase is kind of a
4 suggestion, I would say, to get them to reconsider the way
5 that they've been conducting their business as well as to
6 consider whether natural gases is a sustainable option
7 outside of the very short term, which is, I think, maybe
8 what they're considering.

9 And also the fact that pipelines, at least fairly
10 recently, have been a threat to some individual's lives.
11 The fact that they've exploded recently and cost
12 hospitalizations is rather threatening. And that seems like
13 a pretty violent way for an energy source that so many
14 people use to fail. So keep that in mind.

15 And let's see so that's everything that I wanted to cover.
16 Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.

17 CHAIR DANNER: All right, thank you. Thank you for coming
18 out tonight.

19 All right Roni Vyeda, come forward. And Ross Benson, you
20 signed up maybe. Do you wish to come forward?

21 MR. BENSON: No, thank you.

22 CHAIR DANNER: All right. And I can't read your writing,
23 George Cliff, Gary Cliff. All right. Marissa Roesijadi are
24 you here, do you wish to speak?

25 MS. ROESIJADI: Yes.

1 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Come forward and you will be up
2 next. All right. Ms. Vyeda, go ahead.

3 MS. VYEDA: Well, thank you very much. Thank you for
4 being here and listening to us. I'm scared to death, but
5 courage is being scared and doing it anyway. And I feel
6 like I can't bitch if I don't get in the arena.

7 And so, yeah, I've been a PSE customer since 1980 and I
8 personally am one of the people that is having trees
9 excavated out of their backyard. My precious, precious
10 trees. I live on Northeast 8th. And I've gone to bat and
11 to fight for that. I thank Don Marsh for all of his
12 guidance.

13 I don't want to give PSE any more money. You know the
14 cable companies really hack me off with their big rate
15 increases and the switch and bait kind of thing. And I just
16 get so frustrated when there's a monopoly and we don't have
17 a choice.

18 I went to a meeting in Kirkland a couple weeks ago. And
19 it was a thing -- kind of a start up grassroots kind of
20 thing of some people that had an idea that we should have
21 our own utility district in King County. And, yeah, it's a
22 big, big dream out there, but that's kind of how dreams are
23 made is somebody thinks about it and gets there and fights
24 for it.

25 So what I'd like to say is watch out Puget Sound Energy,

1 we're coming for you.

2 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much.

3 All right. Ms. Marissa Roesijadi, go ahead. And Joe
4 Tomlinson, did you want to speak tonight?

5 MR. TOMLINSON: Yes, please.

6 CHAIR DANNER: All right. You're on deck, then, sir.

7 Okay, go ahead.

8 MS. ROESIJADI: Hi, thank you for the opportunity to
9 speak. I just have a simple statement to kind of encompass
10 what I feel about all the facts and evidence and passionate
11 statements that have been brought forward this evening. And
12 I want to start with just reiterating actually your
13 statement here that you have here on the pamphlet about
14 providing services that are fairly priced, reliable and
15 safe.

16 We're here talking about a rate increase. And I want to
17 echo what was brought up earlier is that we're locked into
18 this surface. I feel that until the surface that PSE
19 provides is done so with renewable energy, that no rate, let
20 alone a rate that includes an increase in the rate, is a
21 fair rate. The rate that we have now is not a fair rate
22 because it does not reflect the service that is safe for the
23 customers. We are simply beholden to pay into the system in
24 order to meet our basic needs. Thank you.

25 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

1 Okay. Joe Tomlinson and then Howard Harrison, you're on
2 deck. Come on forward, sir.

3 MR. TOMLINSON: Thank you very much. Joe Tomlinson, I'm a
4 rate payer for 33 years. I'm an environmentalist and I'm
5 also a realist.

6 In the December bill of Puget Sound Energy sent out a
7 flyer which listed three justifications for a rate increase,
8 a significant rate increase. All three of those
9 justifications were ridiculous. I am not going to go into
10 details of why. That's already been largely covered here,
11 but there are two justifiable reasons for a rate increase
12 and neither of those were mentioned for political reasons.
13 One of those reasons is the recently passed Clean Energy
14 Transition Bill passed by our state legislature. It does
15 increase the operating costs of Puget Sound Energy.

16 Puget Sound Energy is a private company. They have to
17 operate at a profit. If we, the people, pass laws through
18 our legislature that increases the operating cost of Puget
19 Sound Energy, we ought to be willing to pay for it. If we
20 ask for it and it cost something, we should be willing to
21 pay for it. But the green -- or the Clean Energy Transition
22 Act is not the biggest reason for a rate increase. The
23 biggest reason for a rate increase is the proposed sale of
24 the coal strip, coal-fired generating plant that generates
25 approximately 8 percent of our total energy usage. And a

1 bigger portion of our base-load generation capacity. The
2 base-load generation capacity is a generator that operates
3 24 hours a day every day.

4 Wind energy and solar energy cannot be used to substitute
5 for base-load generating capacity. There are only four
6 technologies that can substitute for the base-load
7 generating capacity that has lost with the sale of that
8 coal-fired plant, nuclear, hydroelectric, coal and natural
9 gas. Those are the four options. If that base-load
10 generating capacity is not replaced, we will in the future
11 experience blackouts. It has to be replaced. Nuclear's not
12 an option, nobody wants it. There is no more increased
13 hydroelectric. The two remaining options are coal and
14 natural gas.

15 Coal is the dirtiest form of generating electricity.
16 Puget Sound Energy is logically proposing to replace coal
17 with natural gas. If they don't -- if they're unable to do
18 that, we'll experience blackouts. Okay. If they get a 7
19 and-a-half percent rate increase, then borrowing against
20 that, they will be able to go ahead and build the natural
21 gas generating facilities to replace that coal-fired plant.
22 That coal-fired plant is actually being shut down
23 prematurely. It was scheduled to be phased out in 2025, and
24 was scheduled to be replaced by natural gas.

25 Our governor and the environmentalist and our state

1 government have forced Puget Sound Energy to prematurely
2 propose, it's not done yet, but to propose, to sell their
3 interest in that coal-fired plant. And what is going to
4 replace it? Well, we will be at risk until the replacement
5 base-load generating capacity powered by natural gas comes
6 on line, and that will be in a few years. We're going to be
7 at risk if they go ahead and sell that plant.

8 Okay. If we don't give them the rate increase, they won't
9 be able to sell that plant. It would be suicide to sell
10 that plant unless they get the rate increase that will fund
11 the natural gas replacement for that base-load capacity. So
12 what it boils down to is, if they don't get the rate
13 increase, they're probably not going to sell that plant.
14 And if they -- they're not going to get the rate increase
15 unless they sell that plant either because our governor's
16 not going to allow them the rate increase through the
17 utilities commission. They're not going to allow them that
18 rate increase unless they do sell that plant. So that's
19 what they're faced with.

20 Ladies and gentlemen, we either -- if we want to continue
21 to have power without blackouts like California is
22 experiencing, we better either do one of two things, give
23 Puget Sound Energy the rate increase they're asking for or
24 continue to use that coal-fired plant and allow another five
25 years to phase that out so that Puget Sound Energy has

1 enough time to build the replacement base-load capacity.

2 And there's no other option other than clean energy natural
3 gas, which is just a cleaner form of energy than coal,
4 although it is still a carbon form of fuel.

5 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you, sir.

6 All right. At this point, I want to make sure that the
7 remaining people who want to comment, a lot of people have
8 signed in and have arrived subsequent to our swearing in of
9 witnesses. So I need those who are still here who have not
10 been sworn in who wish to speak tonight to please stand and
11 raise your right hand.

12 Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and
13 nothing but the truth.

14 AUDIENCE: Yes.

15 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much, you may be
16 seated, we will continue. I see I have one more person here
17 signed in from Vashon and I am concerned about people
18 getting ferries. So I am going to -- I saw that name just a
19 second ago. My mistake. All right. Howard --

20 MR. HARRISON: Harrison.

21 CHAIR DANNER: Harrison, thank you.

22 MR. HARRISON: Good evening, I'm Howard Harrison. And I
23 live in Redmond and I am a PSE rate payer, also a proud
24 protector of the Salish Sea. And I went on a little walk
25 from the LNG facility to Olympia a couple months ago with

1 Paul. I also sit occasionally on the PSE IRP Technical
2 Advisory Committee, although I'm not a technical person.
3 I've been there to witness the manipulation of statistics
4 and the bringing up of outdated charts and graphs shared
5 amongst the technical people there.

6 First, I'd like to acknowledge that this land is the
7 traditional territory of the Duwamish and other coast Salish
8 people. Puget Sound Energy is owned by Canadian and Dutch
9 corporations. It is the dirtiest most greenhouse gas
10 producing utility in the state by far. It has built a huge
11 LNG plant on the indigenous land on the Tacoma Tiedflats.
12 It has done so illegally without a major permit. It is now
13 coming to its rate payers to pay 43 percent of the cost of
14 that plant. Only 2 percent of that facility would be used
15 by Puget Sound Energy customers. This is outrageous.

16 Puget Sound Energy is beating us on a path to extinction
17 for higher profits. 17 year old Greta Thundberg says it
18 best. I wonder what you will tell your children was the
19 reason to fail and leave them facing a climate chaos you
20 knowingly brought upon them that it seemed so bad for the
21 economy that we decided to resign the idea of securing
22 future living conditions without even trying. Our house is
23 on fire. Your inaction is fuelling the flames by the hour.
24 And we are still telling you to panic and to act as if you
25 loved your children above all else. We must immediately

1 halt all investments in fossil fuel exploration and
2 extraction, immediately end all fossil fuel subsidies and
3 immediately and completely divest from fossil fuels.

4 Now my words to the UTC. Our planet is headed towards
5 extinction. Our house is on fire and we're pouring gas on
6 it. Deny this rate increase. Stop supporting PSE's
7 manipulation of our utility for profit. We must take back
8 our electric utility from a corporation that is focussed on
9 profit. To speed forward to getting off of fossil fuels, we
10 must put our electric utility in the hands of the citizens
11 and create a public utility district. Do the right thing,
12 do it for your children and their children. Thank you.

13 CHAIR DANNER: All right, thank you.

14 All right. Suzanne Greenberg, are you still here? Okay.
15 That was one of the Vashon people. All right. Aaron
16 Schlossman, and Dwight Rousu, you're on deck.

17 MR. SCHLOSSMAN: Good evening, everybody.

18 CHAIR DANNER: Good evening.

19 MR. SCHLOSSMAN: My name is Aaron Schlossman. Before I
20 speak, I must recognize the Puyallup and Coast Salish
21 tribes. We're meeting tonight on your lands. I only wish
22 it was with your permission. Thank you, Commissioners, for
23 giving us the opportunity to speak.

24 The Tacoma LNG Plant embodies the intersection between
25 indigenous rights, climate politics, energy politics and

1 corporate corruption. Just for my clarification and my
2 understanding, it seems like what we have on hand is a
3 private institution using revenue from basic public services
4 to pay for an illegal plant on tribal land in order to serve
5 fossil fuel investors and private maritime clients regularly
6 and rate paying clients on occasion. Is my understanding
7 correct? Not really a rhetorical question.

8 CHAIR DANNER: It is a rhetorical question.

9 MR. SCHLOSSMAN: This is important for me for my future
10 and it ought to be very important to you all. Let's take a
11 second together to remember the mission statement of
12 Washington UTC. You can even say it with me if you like.
13 Your mission is to protect the people of Washington by
14 ensuring that investor-owned utility and transportation
15 services are safe, available, reliable and fairly priced. I
16 urge you to remember who you protect in that clause. When
17 you make a decision that benefits your peers, it makes us
18 uncomfortable. Our discomfort becomes your discomfort when
19 you go on for reappointment. Our discomfort becomes your
20 discomfort when inflated rates give us ideas like what if we
21 organized a public utility district.

22 It's a corrupted attitude to expect PSE's rate paying
23 customers to shell out for an investor's artificial returns
24 on what was and will remain to be a poor investment going
25 into the future.

1 The proposed hike is another moment in a long legacy of
2 racist, white collar shakedowns in this country.

3 And tonight we ask you, Commissioners, please stop the
4 cycle.

5 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much.

6 Dwight Rousu and Rachel Molloy, you are on deck.

7 MR. ROUSU: Hello, thanks for being here. They're going
8 to chase us out of here in 5 minutes. I'm a 40-year
9 resident of the Eastside and a customer of Puget Sound
10 Energy. I'm also a supplier to Puget Sound Energy. They
11 pay me about \$5,000 a year for solar panel production off of
12 my roofs. So I'm on both sides of Puget Sound Energy.

13 I was sitting back listening to all these wonderful
14 prepared comments and I am very impressed by the information
15 everybody's been bringing forward here. I'd like to talk a
16 little bit about the changes in cost and technology as it
17 affects us. This is a one slice in time they did this
18 analysis. But you look at the cost of different sources of
19 energy and the future expected changes in the cost of energy
20 and this -- looking at a one time slice is a very shallow
21 slice.

22 You look at nuclear energy, (inaudible). Anybody remember
23 (inaudible)? A great proposal, made lots of money for the
24 people putting together those plants and that is one of
25 those resources that's left standing and lost a whole lot of

1 money for all the customers and utilities.

2 You look at coal. Coal has been around forever. The
3 price of coal is going up so high. And how many coal
4 companies have gone bankrupt in the last two years? That's
5 a technology of a source of fuel that is changed in time and
6 it become obsolete.

7 The price of wind and the price of solar has been
8 drastically decreasing over time. And I think that's going
9 to increase along with wave energy and some of the other
10 sources that may be developed. So I think you're having a
11 big potential for a big resource built up there where those
12 moneys should be going into creating sustainable energy
13 sources such as a solar, such as the wind, such as any new
14 technology you can bring up, there's some things that are
15 probably not quite ready, but things like solar windows and
16 some solar roadways. They might be coming, but they aren't
17 ready yet. I think you need to be looking towards the
18 future of other sources that are sustainable instead of a
19 source that's going to be obsolete.

20 And just as a little counterpoint, I don't think the rate
21 increase for the gas is big enough. That's based on cost,
22 that doesn't include the socialized cost. I think the rate
23 increase should be ten times what it is for natural gas, but
24 the funds should go to making renewable sources of energy.

25 Thank you.

1 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much. Rachel
2 Molloy, and France Giddings, you're on deck.

3 MS. MOLLOY: Thank you. My name is Rachel Molloy. I'm a
4 PSE rate payer and a mother. PSE asks you to take full
5 economic account of the actual cost of producing and
6 delivering coal C methane. As a rate payer, I would ask
7 that PSE themselves take full economic account to the actual
8 cost of producing and delivering coal C methane.

9 Future planning under the Washington 100 percent green
10 power and climate action emissions reduction policies are
11 being enacted exactly because the cost of climate change are
12 not free, easy, safe nor advised. In the years that I've
13 been coming to speak to you at the UTC, PSE has not shifted
14 their conventional base off of coal and coal C methane
15 products on the whole at all.

16 This morning I had the honor to speak with the King County
17 executive and conservation officials. In that speech, I
18 spoke of the billions in mounting yearly cost to mitigate
19 repair and adapt to climate impacts in our state. As a rate
20 payer, that's not reflected, but as a taxpayer, that's a
21 cost that I'm paying and that everyone here is paying for
22 those climate impacts.

23 If we must take full accounting, then I ask that PSE truly
24 be required to take into account all costs, including social
25 cost, environmental impacts regionally and climate costs so

1 rate payers can see in full this price this product brings
2 in externalities. A future doesn't exist for rate payers in
3 the 2 to 4 C degree warming that we are heading towards as a
4 nation. Thank you.

5 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

6 All right. France Giddings, and then Mark Humphrey,
7 you're on deck.

8 MS. GIDDINGS: Hi.

9 CHAIR DANNER: Good evening.

10 MS. GIDDINGS: So my name is France Giddings. I have been
11 a part of this bio-region for over 70 years. I have been in
12 front of you more than once. And some people might say that
13 makes me an example of blind faith. My father joined a land
14 coop on the Hood Canal a long time ago, built a little
15 cabin. And over the last few years, I have been the one
16 taking over paying the bills. That's when I discovered that
17 the corporate electric company isn't the only model.

18 I pay bills to the Mason County Public Utility District.
19 The bills are reasonable. Every bill, they send me a little
20 pie chart. They show me all the alternative energy sources
21 they use with, my memory is maybe 20 percent is traditional
22 energy sources. It's the wave of the future.

23 And I know that PSE will try its damndest to block any
24 PUD, but we've already got 20 some in this state and they're
25 working. And they are cleaner and they take the

1 responsibility of the people who use their services as their
2 priority. I believe that that message needs to get passed
3 on. Thank you.

4 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

5 All right. Mark Humphrey, and then Claire Richards.

6 MR. HUMPHREY: Good evening, thanks for being here.

7 CHAIR DANNER: Good evening.

8 MR. HUMPHREY: I am a rate payer as well, former Boeing
9 employee. And I reiterate what the other gentleman said
10 about well, gee, did I get a 6 or 7 percent pay increase to
11 cover my utility bill? Heck no. I've heard a lot of things
12 tonight and very, very good speakers about what's happening
13 here.

14 I'm on the medical end of what's happening with PSE's
15 changes to their infrastructure including smart meters. I
16 know this is off topic, but I am concerned that they are
17 shoving both this rate increase and harmful devices onto our
18 homes. I have measured the RF -- I know this is off topic,
19 but I have measured the RF radiation just from the new
20 meters that they put on my house. And I am having even more
21 medical issues. I know this is off topic. I've met with
22 many people, Andrew and others at WUTC and at PSE trying to
23 resolve this.

24 I hope this rate increase does not occur. I'm already
25 stretched to the bone trying to cover the medical expenses

1 I'm incurring from these hazardous devices.

2 I apologize this is off topic, but I wanted to speak a
3 little bit on that and hope that other folks will take an
4 interest in the building biology hazard of these new meters.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

7 All right. Claire Richards and then Gwen Hanson.

8 MS. RICHARDS: Hi, thank you. My name is Claire Richards
9 and I am -- I live in Seattle and I'm a nurse scientist and
10 the mother of a four year old.

11 And as you know, there's overwhelming scientific consensus
12 about climate change. And I just want to read a little bit
13 to you from the New England Journal of Medicine. A recent
14 article that was published called, The False Promise of
15 Natural Gas. "Fracked gas is associated with health and
16 environmental hazards and reduced social welfare at every
17 stage of its life cycle. Fracking is linked to the
18 contamination of ground and surface water, air pollution,
19 noise and light pollution, radiation releases, ecosystem
20 damage, and earthquakes. Transmission and storage of gas
21 result in fires and explosions. The gas compressor stations
22 emit toxic and carcinogenic chemicals such as benzene 1,
23 3-butadiene and formaldehyde. Wells, pipelines, and
24 compressor stations are disproportionately located in
25 low-income, minority, and marginalized communities where

1 they may leak gas, generate noise, endanger health, and
2 contribute to environmental injustice while producing no
3 local benefits. Gas combustion generates oxides of nitrogen
4 that increase asthma risk and aggravate chronic obstructive
5 pulmonary disease."

6 "Compounding these hazards are the grave dangers that gas
7 extraction used -- and use pose to the global climate. Gas
8 is a much powerful driver of climate change than is
9 generally recognized. As much as 4 percent of all the gas
10 produced by fracking is lost leakages, and these releases
11 appear to have contributed to sharp increases in atmospheric
12 methane."

13 And I'm not going to mention about the stuff about it
14 being more potent, I'm sure you've heard that before. Gas
15 burned in stoves and burners contribute to global warming.
16 And all this considered suggests it is far less -- it is not
17 as beneficial as it seems.

18 "Despite growing recognition of the dangers associated
19 with gas and a recent exponential increases in the
20 production of electricity from renewables, new gas wells
21 continue to be drilled and new pipelines are built. The
22 expansion of the gas infrastructure is supported by
23 government subsidies and tax breaks that benefit the
24 fossil-fuel industry and artificially depress gas prices."

25 "All reasonable analyses indicate that we must leave

1 nearly all remaining fossil fuels in the ground, if we were
2 to hold the extent of global warming to below 1.5 degrees
3 above the pre-industrial period, the target set by the
4 IPCC."

5 Investigating in gas is short sided. It locks us in to
6 using gas dependence and miss opportunities to invest in
7 renewables. The public should not be paying for this. And
8 as we can see, we're already 1.1 degrees over warming now.
9 And we can see what's happening in Australia. We see what's
10 happening in California and here with our air quality. This
11 will get worse. Could you imagine going past 1.5?

12 CHAIR DANNER: All right, thank you very much.

13 And Gwen Hanson.

14 MS. HANSON: Hello. I'd like to thank you all for taking
15 so many -- I mean it's really late and you're still here,
16 and I want to thank you for that, I appreciate it. So I'm a
17 family doctor and I see an alarming number of suicide
18 attempts in teenagers. And, sadly, some of the attempts
19 have been successful, and it is a heart breaking situation.

20 I'm also a climate activist with the citizens climate
21 lobby. And I know a lot of the people in this room, why do
22 I know them? We all spend countless of our free time hours
23 working on this issue. I have left these chambers confident
24 that the right thing would be done. Why? Because I've
25 heard talks like they were given tonight. Amazingly

1 inspiring and incredibly every talk is different. Everybody
2 has their own message to say.

3 So -- but somehow something else seemed to win out over
4 the Bellevue City Council and Puget Sound Energy. For some
5 reason they couldn't hear the impassioned and well informed
6 pleas. Something else won. And I don't know what it was, I
7 suspect it has something to do with money, though. So
8 tonight you guys have heard an amazing amount of testimony.

9 I don't know what's causing the teenage suicides and I'm
10 sure that there are many, many, factors that go into that.
11 However, there's something about powerlessness that has to
12 be going into that. We as climate activists want to show
13 optimism and hope that something can be done. You, on the
14 commission, you have the power to speak to Puget Sound
15 Energy in a language they understand, the language of money.

16 Please deny the rate increase, thank you, again.

17 CHAIR DANNER: Thank you very much.

18 All right. Chris Stearns.

19 MR. STEARNS: Thank you. For the opportunity to address
20 you again after the Lacey meeting. My name is Chris
21 Stearns, I represent Thurston County as a PUD Commissioner.
22 And I don't speak for the rest of my board or for my
23 utility, which is a water utility and a customer of PSE.

24 It's also a customer of several coops.

25 UNIDENTIFIABLE FEMALE: Speak into the microphone please.

1 MR. STEARNS: It's also a customer of several coops and
2 municipals, small municipals, et cetera. So I do know how
3 to compare their service. We have a lot more outages
4 through PSE. I have a lot more customers complaining all
5 the time that they want us to pay for a generator because
6 PSE is not delivering the power that they need when they
7 need it to get the water that they need to live.

8 So I hear this all the time. I'm like a nerve center for
9 listening to the complaints of PSEs poor service. And I
10 just want you to know that, you know, I can see it with my
11 own staff what's going on with the utility compared
12 private -- private compared to the public.

13 And I'm just concerned because PSE seems to have no regard
14 for life. I mean, one of our citizens in Thurston County
15 was killed in a trench digging accident this month because
16 they didn't employ trench protectors, which are metal things
17 that protect the trench from collapsing. A gentleman, two
18 of them were buried alive, one was dug out, one was dead.
19 So that happened just this month.

20 And I'm concerned that they don't have the same care for
21 my customers and citizens in Thurston County because when
22 the storm happened in 2012, we saw a lot of people frozen
23 into their homes, loose wires down, sometimes outages for 10
24 to 14 days. I even had the legislature look into it. And
25 they put the publics and privates together, quite a

1 difference in comparison to how they reacted to that
2 situation. And thanks to Senator McCoy for pulling that
3 workshop together. There was no testimony from the public,
4 by the way, at that workshop.

5 More erratic weather will knock down their system again
6 because they're not maintaining it very well. Seniors
7 frozen in their homes, wires down, people who have oxygen
8 can't get the energy they need to renew their oxygen tanks.
9 These are things that happened to PG&E in California during
10 those fires. And there was no telling when, in the rolling
11 brown outs they were doing, when the energy would come back.
12 We faced that situation in Thurston County in 2012 in
13 January. This, eight years ago.

14 Okay. So I'm concerned about that. And I'm concerned
15 about knowing, you know, when the power comes back because
16 they have no way to deliver that information to the public
17 when outages occur. They've been working on it, I give them
18 credit for that. I also give them credit finally for doing
19 some refurbishing of their dams on Baker Creek, you know
20 re-updating those dams. But they haven't built any new
21 projects since 2012. And their contracts run out, as I
22 indicated in my last testimony. And I'm wondering where the
23 power is coming from. It's not a way to run a utility.

24 So I guess I've made most of the points I wanted to make
25 today. I just wanted to let you know that there is another

1 option, the public knows this. We're a state that doesn't
2 have service territories, they can be replaced.

3 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much.

4 Now there's somebody that signed in with just the name
5 Hogan. And unfortunately the way our processes work, we
6 need to have a full name. So unless Hogan is your full
7 name, I can't take your testimony tonight. Are you Hogan?

8 MS. HOGAN: Yes, Rachel Hogan.

9 CHAIR DANNER: Rachel Hogan, thank you very much. Go
10 ahead.

11 MS. HOGAN: I really appreciate what people in this room
12 have said. If I could go to camp with all of you, I would
13 want to go to camp right now. I thank you for being here so
14 late.

15 I don't know why I'm so nervous probably because I feel
16 like I'm going to cry. The last speaker talked about kids
17 and depression. And I have kids at home who are dealing
18 with what's going on right now in the world. And even as
19 young people, they're aware of what's going on in the
20 climate.

21 First of all, I want to acknowledge that we are on stolen
22 land. The truth is so powerful. And I'm so glad that Doug
23 thinks that you all are respectable people because at this
24 time, it's so scary. I mean, integrity is not really a
25 thing anymore in some places. And speaking to the UTC, I

1 didn't know who the UTC was until last week, but here I am.

2 I'm a volunteer organizer at 350. I work with Sierra

3 Club. Your job as I know it is to provide oversight. To

4 provide oversight and to ensure our utilities and water are

5 safe, to protect us, the public, against health risks and

6 corruption. So I guess your group was formed because of

7 corruption, past corruption. And our tax dollars pay for

8 your jobs.

9 Well, I'm here to echo most people in this room that say

10 we won't stand for a rate hike for anything Puget Sound

11 Energy wants. And for me, it's so easy, I mean, just

12 following what's been going on with PSE, they equal

13 corruption, we know that. That's what Puget Sound Energy

14 stands for. We know that fracked gas is deadly, it's basic

15 knowledge. I'm a mom, but I know this.

16 And these Australian bush fires -- I have a family member

17 who slept in her clothes recently and she said goodbye to

18 us. We thought she was going to, you know, go up with

19 anything else. But I'm not just crying for her, I'm crying

20 for all the death, it's here.

21 Anyway, our kids are pouring in the streets. And so

22 please listen to our indigenous leadership. Their voices

23 are really strong and their experience is thousands of years

24 old. Please listen to science and use your authority to

25 help us get off of fracked gas, to safer electric sources,

1 it's pretty simple.

2 In a rate hike PSE is asking you, the oversight committee,
3 commission, to approve us paying more, to dig our own graves
4 and the graves of our children and their next generations
5 faster. That's exactly what they're asking us to do, just
6 dig faster and then put yourselves in it. It's pretty
7 simple. They're building this, you know, enormous tank,
8 that, you know, I don't want to repeat, but it's ridiculous
9 that it exists on Puyallup land and that they built it
10 without the proper permits. And it's against the law.

11 And the greenwashing is not greenwashing, it's just lying.
12 And that's what we see so much now, it's wrong. And our
13 children do need hope. They need to see a group with
14 integrity stand up.

15 And the other thing, it's taking our energy. I should be
16 at home right now with my kids and it takes our energy to
17 come and find out who is doing this, how is this possible.
18 And it's stealing from us. They're stealing from us and
19 they want us to pay for that too.

20 So I'm asking you, as the oversight commission what
21 sickness is this? That's the question I want to know, what
22 is so ill in this? And so we're aware of the enormous power
23 that you three people hold in this position and please do
24 what you can to make sure that Puget Sound Energy does not
25 get one dime. Thank you.

1 CHAIR DANNER: All right. Thank you very much.

2 All right. That is the end of folks who have signed in to
3 speak tonight. Are there any names that I have missed
4 tonight? Otherwise -- all right. Hearing nothing, seeing
5 nothing.

6 I want to thank everybody for coming out tonight and
7 sharing your comments with us on a raindrop night. We have
8 an evidentiary hearing in February, early February, 6th and
9 7th. I believe it is the -- February 6th and 7th in Lacey,
10 Washington, and we will be taking this under consideration.
11 And we will take all of your comments tonight as part of the
12 record in that case. And we will be looking at that as
13 well. So thank you, again, for coming out and safe travels
14 home. Thank you.

15

16 (Conclusion of hearing at 8:18 p.m.)

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss
COUNTY OF KING)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing court proceedings were transcribed under my direction as a certified transcriptionist; and that the transcript is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability, including any changes made by the trial judge reviewing the transcript; that I received the audio and/or video files in CHAIR DANNER format; that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or council employed by the parties hereto, nor financially interested in its outcome.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
this 6th day of February, 2020

Bonnie Reed, CET