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Kevin –

This is for the public comment exhibit for the PSE GRC.

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Hello, I'm opposed to Puget Sound Energy's requested rate increases for residential customers. PSE wants these rate increases to pay back shareholders for infrastructure investments and maintenance and according to their most recent 20 year Integrated Resource Plan, projected future investments focus on replacing coal with fracked gas and does not plan for expanding wind, solar, battery storage or grid optimization. We know that over 60% of PSE's electricity comes from fossil fuels, even though nearby Public and Municipal Utility Districts use far less fossil fuels in their electricity mix; Snohomish County PUD at around 2% & about 5% for Seattle City Light. When you combine this 60% fossil fuel electricity mix and their 800,000 gas service customers, this for profit corporation is basically a fossil fuel company. We cannot rely on fossil fuel companies to make the right choices for the public or the climate. Since 2013 the IPCC has warned us that we need to keep the majority of remaining fossil fuel reserves in the ground, yet extraction has increased instead of decreased.

Below are recent articles that detail what PSE shareholders have been putting their money behind. PSE customers should not be forced to pay rate increases to a company that is working against their best interests, holding back our desperately needed transition to renewable energy and efficiency, and interfering with local elections, legislation & ballot initiatives.

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[Money is the Oxygen on Which the Fire of global Warming Burns](#) The New Yorker 09/19

[The Company You Pay For Natural Gas Is Paying To Flip City Your Council](#) The Stranger 07/19

[Natural Gas Industry's \\$1Mil PR Campaign](#) Seattle Times 12/19

[Should NW Cities Ban Fracked Gas in New Buildings?](#) Sightline Institute 10/19

[How Fracked Gas Industry Plays Politics in WA](#) Sightline Institute 04/18