Dear Executive Director and Secretary Amanda Maxwell,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on Docket UE-210183, Relating to Electricity Markets and Compliance with the Clean Energy Transformation Act. When the legislature passed the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) in 2019, they intended that electricity would be generated from fossil fuel free sources by 2045.

Today, I am writing to urge the UTC to uphold the law’s strong, clear requirements. Specifically, I’m addressing your draft rule released on October 12, 2021. It fails to require the clean energy that CETA mandates and would allow utilities to use fossil fuel-generated electricity in Washington past 2045, with no end in sight.

*Please revise the draft rule to eliminate the use of “retained Renewable Energy Credits” and other provisions that would allow utilities to simply offset the continued use of fossil fuel-generated electricity, rather than providing 100% of electricity delivered to WA customers from non-emitting sources.*

I’m somewhat shocked that you would consider a rule that does not take bold action. As the old saying goes, if not now, when? There is certainly no denying that we must act now, immediately, right away, if we are to avoid the most devastating effects of climate change.

Climate change is already costing society huge amounts of money, driving people from their homes and threatening the collapse of ecosystems. You have the ability to do something important, and it simply requires fulfilling existing law.

Please revise the proposed rule and do your part to ensure the future of our planet.

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