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Dear Washington UTC,

Right now, there is likely to be a new Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ordered for the Tacoma Tideflats LNG facility. The folks at PSE produced fraudulent data and incomplete data in submitting their Environmental Impact Statement via the Puget Sound Clean Air Authority (PSCAA). Instead of using real and independent scientists, the EIS and subsequent Supplemental EIS' used a private engineering consulting company to validate their technical inputs. They completely ignored published scientific information that showed that their construction on top of shoreline landfill would sink into the water over time and that rising sea levels would accelerate the process, and they failed to take note that the landfill was sitting directly on top of the most-likely-to-liquify-in-an-earthquake substrate in the entire Puget Sound area, and that was all sitting directly on top of an earthquake fault. None of that was in either their EIS or their SEIS submissions. Why? This company, PSE, is not a US company, and it doesn't care about the Sound or its residents. Any accidents that happen have to be paid for by the state, county, city, and customers. They don't care. All they want is the permits to build; construction is where they make their profits. They need to be stopped.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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