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Dear Washington UTC,

As a third generation Washingtonian (who is raising the next generation now), I ask you to please consider what we value as a community/state. Clean air and water are something we hold dearly. Increased fossil fuel burning and extraction is not in line with those values.

Please do not allow or encourage new fossil fuel extracting or burning by allowing new infrastructure. Our fossil fuels are best kept in the ground while we look improving our more passive energy production methods. Let us put our energy into becoming leaders in green energy rather than regressing into polluting and questionable old technologies. I cannot imagine myself living next to our near a fracking operation. I would be worried for my health and angry if I knew my water was sourced near a fracking operation. Please consider the long term effects of these polluting methods of energy use and extraction and your willingness to allow it into your backyard. Please vote no and work to improve Washington?s power grid through smaller scale/urban green power generation. I would like to see us become leaders in this area, as the puget sound Seattle metro area is quickly becoming a Tacoma to Everett metropolis. We are realizing hydro power comes at a steep cost to salmon and first health. Let?s

become leaders in power innovation. You have the power to lead us into the future or at least stop us from doubling down on past mistakes .Thank you for your consideration. Angela

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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