

October 30, 2023

Dear PSE IRP Team,

The Washington Clean Energy Coalition (WCEC) has two concerns regarding opportunities for public participation in PSE's 2025 IRP Resource Planning Advisory Group (RPAG).

First, we are concerned that there are no members focused on equity issues in the group. We understand that there is a separate Equity Advisory Group, but by siloing these discussions, PSE impedes opportunities for communication and education across these disciplines. We believe that PSE employees, RPAG members, and EAG members would benefit from a more integrated discussion that includes resource planners and equity advocates. One mitigation would be to allow members of the EAG to fully participate in RPAG meetings whenever they would like to attend.

Second, we are troubled by the exclusion of the WCEC from RPAG discussions. The WCEC offers unique strengths that will enhance the diversity and effectiveness of the RPAG:

1. **History.** Although the WCEC is only three years old, individual members have participated in at least three previous IRP Advisory Groups. The collective experience of our members helps us understand the technical details of IRPs and suggest relevant and feasible improvements.
2. **Grassroots.** The WCEC is an all-volunteer organization. We dedicate our time and energy to this work not because we are getting paid, but because the Commission has told us that engaging with the IRP process is the best way to benefit our communities, vulnerable populations, ratepayers, the environment, and future generations.
3. **Public participation.** An organization with our grassroots connections closely aligns with the Washington Administrative Code, which states that public participation is essential to the IRP process. The WCEC brings the public's perspective to the table. We also help the public understand the decisions that underlie the final IRP document.
4. **Focus.** The WCEC supports the other statewide environmental and clean energy organizations that have been seated on the RPAG. The WCEC adds value through our intense focus on PSE's IRP and CEIP, as exemplified in our comments submitted in the UTC's docket for PSE's 2023 Gas IRP. Many of the public's comments were based on our research and comment letters.

If the WCEC is admitted into the RPAG, the coalition will be represented by Don Marsh, who has participated in IRP Advisory Groups for over 8 years. With decades of experience as a software architect and founder of three software startup companies and two nonprofit organizations, Don offers a diversity of experience to represent concerned customers throughout PSE's service territory.

Sincerely,

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