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Thank you for accepting my comments on dockets UE-160918 and UG-160919, concerning Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) two year integrated resource plans for electric and natural gas service in Washington State.

I request that the Washington State UTC require PSE to set a retirement date for Colstrip Units 3&4 for no later than 2025. Allowing these units to operate until 2035 would make it virtually impossible for the state to meet its legally binding greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. Requiring a 2025 closure date would also be consistent with Governor Inslee's EO 14-04 directing the UTC to reduce the consumption of coal fired electricity in Washington. Moreover, the continued operation of these units beyond 2025 would require expensive air pollution control upgrades. These added capital costs would not make the units part of a 'least cost energy mix', as the UTC is statutorily required to consider in approving utility integrated resource plans.

Furthermore, I request that the UTC work with PSE to replace retiring coal with clean, renewable energy. If new natural gas plants are built to replace what is currently in operation,, it would be extremely difficult for Washington to meet its 2035 and 2050 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

PSE's own leadership and success in renewable energy, energy storage, demand reduction, and energy efficiency demonstrate the cost effectiveness and viability of these resources. A future in which we provide energy that also preserves our climate, protects our oceans, and prevents heart and lung disease can be achieved if we act responsibly now to achieve it.

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