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Subject: 2019 IRP Technical Input – Replace coal electricity contracts with renewable energy contracts

Note: The TAG acknowledges the WUTC Staff petition for an IRP schedule exemption. This technical input is submitted in response to PSE's commitment to "continue to ... maintain and respond to public input". This technical input should be considered an integral part of the collection of 2019 PSE IRP documents. We appreciate PSE's commitment to also include these technical inputs in the 2021 PSE IRP.

The Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) says "on or before December 31, 2025, each electric utility must eliminate coal-fired resources from its allocation of electricity."

Figure 7-2 of PSE's 2017 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory (GHG_Inventory_2017 (1).pdf - below), shows that 22% of their total electricity related CO2 emissions are from "Firm Contracts – Coal".

As TAG members, we formally request that PSE post this letter on their 2019 IRP website and provide a written response to these questions:

- Will PSE commit to replacing these contracts with 100% renewable energy-based electricity upon their current contract termination date(s)?
- If not, will PSE provide the rationale for not replacing these contracts with 100% renewable energy-based electricity?

Respectfully submitted:

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Figure 7-2. Total Electricity by Generation Source and its CO2 Emissions
 Puget Sound Energy - 2017 Greenhouse Gas Inventory

