



City Council

Approval of Letter to Puget Sound Energy Encouraging the Retirement of Coal as a Source of Power and Support for the Pursuit of Cleaner Alternative Energy Sources

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve and have the Mayor sign and mail the letter to Puget Sound Energy's President, Kimberly Harris.

Report

Issue:

Shall the Council approve and have the Mayor sign a letter to Puget Sound Energy encouraging the retirement of coal as a source of electrical power?

Staff Contact:

Steve Hall, City Manager, Executive Department, 360.753.8447

Presenter(s):

None. Consent Calendar item.

Background and Analysis:

At the September 9 Council meeting, Mayor Buxbaum reported his intent to support the City of Bellingham and other cities who have or are in the process of writing letters to Puget Sound Energy urging the retirement of coal sourced power and increased investment in cleaner, more sustainable energy sources. Councilmembers suggested edits to the letter that would have it be an expression of the opinion of the full Council and indicated their support for its content.

Mayor Buxbaum agreed to revise the letter and bring it back for Council consideration as a consent

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agenda item. The letter is attached and ready for the Mayor's signature. It has been reviewed by Councilmembers Cooper and Langer.