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Subject: Revised Community Solar Bill coming

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From Don Steinke

To Lena Whittler, General Manager CPU

Cc staff and others

Hello Lena,

I met yesterday with Mason Rolph, the sponsor of a newly revised Community Solar Bill.

He says he's been in touch with your staff and that your staff seems supportive.

If that is correct, it would be helpful if Clark PUD officially encouraged our local lawmakers to support it.

Mason plans to send you and others the final language of the bill on Monday Dec 18.

His prime sponsors are Representative Hackett and Senator Lovick.

Topic 2

We're seeing a lot of ads promoting the retention of the LSR dams.

We see you are still a member of the Pacific NW Waterways Association.

We hope our ratepayer money is not being used to pay for those ads.

Topic 3

I covered a lot of ground in my Dec 5 public comment.

Here's a copy.

Hello everyone, my name is Don Steinke

I'm here just to provide a brief update on 8 local energy matters. 1. My colleagues and I helped pass an amendment to the GMA last spring. The amendment requires Clark County and most cities in Clark County to:

- Prepare for the harms of climate change
- Reduce the emissions that causes of those harms and
- Reduce the per-capita number of miles we drive in Clark County

2. A week ago, The Clark County Council adopted a public participation plan to help implement the Climate Amendment.

3. Also, one week ago, the Washington State Building Code Council voted to adopt one of the best energy performance standards in the nation. This code will save about \$1,000 per year in heating bills per housing unit.

4. The fossil fuel industry and their proxies have already showed up in both arenas to undermine those efforts. Quite often, the Builders, the gas industry unions, big timber and big ag have served as their proxies.

5. At 10:00 am this morning, the Clark County Council will be considering an interlocal agreement with Washougal, Camas, Battleground and Ridgefield to work on this amendment, but not with Vancouver, because they have more ambitious goals.

6. The Department of Commerce has prepared a long list of options for implementing the Climate Amendment. **Commerce forgot to think about resource adequacy and electric trucks.** Speaking of Resource Adequacy, I like the notion of virtual power plants. Puget Sound Energy is developing a 100 MW VPP and expects it to be operational in 2025.

7. I happened to be in Washougal yesterday and decided to see the progress on the Community solar project there. It's nearly done. Yay. Congratulations.

8. On Dec 18, I'll be meeting with the sponsors of a new community solar bill. Our goal is to increase the capacity of Community Solar and continue to leverage the low-income solar grants already established by legislature. Part of the plan is to allow the private sector to develop the projects in partnership with willing utilities.

Thanks for the opportunity to speak.

Don Steinke

PS the electrician that did some wiring for my new Chevy Bolt home charging system drove up in a Rivian Pickup :)