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From Don Steinke

To the EJC, CAG, and partner agencies

This is in response to the draft policies discussed at the EJC on Monday, November 4, 2024.

Regarding Goal 6 Policy 1, Supporting energy choice:

a) Eliminate this goal or revise its heading to “Resource Adequacy and Reliability” or “Recommended Energy Options”. The expression “Energy Choice” is used nationwide to justify freedom to pollute. The common expression used by energy providers to describe what you want is “Resource Adequacy and Reliability”. It includes Distributed Energy Resources, Load Management Systems, Microgrids, Energy storage systems, and Virtual Power Plants.

b) Nuclear is not renewable, is very expensive, and no place in America has agreed to store the waste.

c) Methane bio-digesters and renewable natural gas are complicated topics and should be in their own stand-alone section. Yes, it is important to capture and burn the methane produced by landfills and by wastewater treatment plants because methane is a very potent greenhouse gas. But this methane should either be flared or used to create on-site electricity.

Furthermore, efforts should be made to prevent biodegradable materials, e.g. paper, food waste, and woody debris, out of landfills. When materials are biologically degraded in a landfill, they usually are degraded into methane. Biodegradable materials should either be composted either in commercial composting facilities or at home.

It is not acceptable to convert carbon-based waste into methane. Carbon-based waste, such as plastic, paper, food waste, and woody debris is sequestered carbon. We should keep carbon sequestered as long as nature allows.

Regarding other EJC comments made in October and November, 2024.

Some of you also expressed concerns about the high cost of heating and cooling homes, especially for those without appropriate weatherization. This topic has not been sufficiently addressed by CAG or by the

EJC. Seattle City Light has adopted a strategy called M.E.E.T.S intended to increase weatherization in large multifamily developments.

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