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I would like to be put on the list for oral testimony tomorrow, and I would like to have the following testimony submitted after I have testified.

Please sign me up.

I can be reached by email at: kb@travelinglantern.com

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Thank you!

KB Mercer

Dear Chair Decker and Members of the Committee;

My name is K.B. Mercer, and I used to be a NW Natural customer. I am not a scientist, or legislator, or corporate lobbyist. I am a homeowner who has chosen to go all electric, including my inexpensive electric car, to prepare for the upcoming major transition away from fossil fuels. I think it is important to put my money where my mouth is regarding climate change.

There are many other people responding today who will have specific data, science, and policy recommendations for you.

I am just a citizen who knows enough to see the writing on the wall, and who is frank enough to forgo standing on ceremony and is willing to speak my mind.

NW Natural, and all other methane producers are selling buggy whips. They are holding out as long as possible, using every method and marketing lie they can think of to pull the wool over our eyes. They are squeezing the last drop out of the stone. The environment and the future be damned. This corporation, and this industry is showing, yet again, that the public is only important to them as consumers.

Just like the tobacco companies, they are trying to sell us emotionally, because that's all they've got left. That natural gas heating "feels good". That gas stoves "cook better". This is BS, and the serious indoor and outdoor pollution caused by "natural" methane gas is polluting our home environments and our children's lungs, and contributing to the destruction of the livability of our entire planet.

Natural Gas Corporations are desperately selling their hazardous product as a "transition fuel". Nope. Nuclear energy is a transition fuel. Natural gas is a FOSSIL FUEL. Further investments in gas infrastructure, and continued coddling of this dying industry is simply, suicide.

The IPCC has said that reducing methane emissions is our most urgent current need and will be our most effective climate drawdown in the next few years. The truth is, we needed to do it yesterday.

My grandmother told me two things on her 100th birthday:

- 1) She wasn't sure married people were meant to be together for 50 years, and
- 2) Deep down, everyone knows the difference between right and wrong.

This is one of those right/wrong issues.
Do the right thing.

Thank you;

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