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I would like to submit my opinion in opposition of the three proposals referenced above.

The current grid and capacity for electrical service in Eastern Washington is maxed at the current amount of electricity used. In Spokane we experienced rolling blackouts for the first time in my thirty years as a commercial property manager in the area. As we worked to bring additional businesses into Eastern Washington, we have run into challenges where our utility provider has told us they will be unable to provide large amounts of reliable electrical power for them. Until we have better understanding of what the future need will be and how we will meet it, it seems premature to bring forward proposals to eliminate natural gas usage as outlined in the three proposals.

Secondly, the cost of conversion is catastrophic in many cases for current buildings. Natural gas is the most cost effective way of heating and in particular for low income residential customers, not having access to that efficient source of heat raises their expenses to levels that may not be sustainable.

I would urge you to vote no at this time on the three proposals referenced until appropriate study can be done to quantify the cost impact and evaluate whether we even have the infrastructure to meet the proposals.

Thank you for your consideration.

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