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**Presented by: Public Service Commission**

**Before: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
The Honorable Curt Kreun, Chairman**

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**TESTIMONY**

Mr. Chairman and committee members, the Public Service Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments in general support of Senate Bill 2237 and 2238.

There are few things more important to our long-term future than dependable and affordable electricity and gas service to our local businesses and residents. The Commission does not have jurisdiction over the creation or enforcement of environmental regulations on generation facilities. However, with very few exceptions, the subsequent cost impacts are borne by the retail customers under the Commission's jurisdiction. The cost of environmental compliance may result in additional capital expenditures in order to remain operating or early closure of the generation facilities. The sunk and stranded costs undoubtedly will have an impact on retail rates for the customers of our state.

As this committee considers SB 2237 and SB 2238, the Commission would request that the legislature ensure that state environmental compliance be no more scrupulous than necessary.