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Dear Mr. Joshua Grice WA Dept. of Ecology, Dear Mr. Grice, WA Dept. of Ecology: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Climate Commitment Act. Overall, I support the general direction of the proposed rule but urge Ecology to strengthen it in the ways that the WA Environmental Council has enumerated; however I would like you to consider some new ideas. We are always looking for renewable energy sources, yet we seem never to address the need to reduce energy use; instead, we continue to permit entities that compete with citizens and small businesses for WA State's finite energy sources; therefore, I urge the Dept. of Ecology to prevent further approval of energy hogging industries such as computer cloud services or any blockchain enterprises regulated by the state. These industries should not be treated as other corporations because of the massive energy use required to operate. Such services should have to pay much more perhaps modeling the cost on the idea of escalating rates for water usage. Allowing such energy hogs to pay the same as businesses raises the cost of energy for everyone, contributing to inequitable climate consequences, especially for citizens. I look forward to Ecology's ongoing work to strengthen and finalize this rule as part of our state's work to meet our climate goals in an equitable and just way. Thank you,  
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