

## Chance LaFleur

Chance LaFleur. City of Enumclaw City Council, C-H-A-N-C-E L-A-F- as in Frank, L-E-U-R. Um, thank you for the opportunity to speak. I appreciate being able to ad-advocate for our community's concern. I fear that this legislation and the subsequent Ecology rules do take a one size fit, all approach. Lumping in small municipally owned LDCs with the lar-- likes of the large investor-owned corporations. Small LDCs like ours are unique in the fact that we have a much smaller customer base, regulatory capacity in which to take these burdensome rules and costs on, and do not have a vast geography that provides opportunity such as being able to connect directly to sources of renewable natural gas, and other, uh, offsets. A single line energy provider, such as ourselves, we only provide natural gas, we are in a difficult position of losing our customer base, keeping the cost of keeping the utility going, but also not picking up customers and use on the other sources, such as electric, utility, or utility that provides both services. As such the City of Enumclaw gas utility if we were to be included in this program, our organization would need to begin investing the investigating the opportunity to purchase the electric grid within our city limits is allowed by state law, having to invest even more of our constituents dollars to do so, but feel it would be prudent, uh, for us to undertake. I would hope that Ecology would first-first not include the City of Enumclaw, given our, uh, emission numbers, but also look at the allowances and carving out the City of Enumclaw, and Ellensburg in a unique category, representing the unique situation we are in, while I do not represent the City of Ellensburg, but the City of Enumclaw and Ellensburg have a symbiotic relationship and we support each other in emergency situations, and I think both should be considered the unique challenges we face, and apply these rules equitably and not put unnecessary burden on these small communities and allow us more time to catch up to where states such a California currently are. Further, we are experiencing some of the highest rates of inflation we have seen in decades, we wish there was more of an outreach to the two small LDCs as there was only two of us in the state and we faced barriers, not experienced by larger investor-owned utilities. And lastly, I would like to have seen more public outreach. If I was not part of the city council, I would not know of these rules that were in process. And I feel the general public at large is not aware of the added expense that will be hitting their household budgets at times where many are working on just making ends meet with the current rapid rise of just the basic necessities of day-to-day life. I thank you for your time and appreciate the opportunity to speak to the department.