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I strongly oppose transition to a gas-fired facility. We cannot continue to burn fossil fuels especially in light of the September 2026 UN Report "Limiting Overshoot" that warns we must cut emissions, reducing fossil fuels much faster - we can't do that and burn gas. I worked hard years ago, to help the effort to close TransAlta, and having it turn to combusting gas, which is destructive to the climate and to the air we breathe, is totally unacceptable. We need to stop the burning of fossil fuels to prevent worsening extreme weather impacts. LNG pipelines and facilities leak methane which is destructive to climate and to public health. There are alternative ways to generate energy that are cheaper, faster, and don't have the climate and public health issues connected with gas-fired plants. Wind and solar are increasingly available and affordable and with batteries can provide for peak needs. Please read the UN Report and take it seriously - we can and must do better for ourselves and the next generation. Combusting gas for energy when there are affordable, faster and cleaner alternatives, should not be the choice Washington makes for this coal plant. Our governor has noted that our state is last in the 50 states in building out renewables, and that is a travesty. It is time we moved to renewables as well as using less (more conservation), which we have demonstrated we could do in past times of forecasts for increased need for energy.