

Statement of Jessica Spiegel, northwest regional director for the Western States Petroleum Association, provided to InvestigateWest on March 12, 2021:

“For such an important issue, the Washington energy strategy process has been a disappointment.

“While innovators in our industry will continue to lead in area like CCUS, reality is that the viable technology needed for deep decarbonization isn’t quite here yet. What we do know is that an all-electric economy is not a viable alternative, and an “all of the above” approach to energy strategy is needed.

“We want to be helpful, and are ready to share the science, data and facts needed to help make any future studies productive. Right now, this is not a document that important policy decisions should be based on.”