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I have been a ratepayer of Avista and it's predecessor WWP since 1972. I attended the continued IRP hearing on November 8, 2017, in the Spokane Valley, but had to leave the meeting at 4:00 pm, before my name was called to speak.

The company has been a good energy supplier and a good corporate citizen, but it is now time for them to truly revise their integrated resource plan.. The Plan states that: "Avista's current generation resources remain cost effective and reliable sources of power to meet future customer needs over the next 20 years."

I disagree. I believe the use of coal from the Colstrip plant will not serve the Company nor its stakeholders for the next twenty years and the phase-out should be included in this Plan. Avista needs to be a leader in this process.

Most people know about Avista's natural gas and hydroelectric sources of power, but how many know it generates power from coal? If more people knew about its ownership of Colstrip and its use of coal more people would have attended the meeting. I call Avista to think forward

and to consider the effects of global warming. It is time to consider things beyond economics.

Smoke from the burning forests affected our daily lives this summer in Washington and Idaho. Extreme weather events are too numerous to mention. It is with this sense of urgency that I ask Avista to phase out the Colstrip plant by 2025 and move to sustainable forms of energy. Coal is dead. The other owners of Colstrip seem to be planning for the end. It is time to consider things beyond economics.

Avista plans to expand the community solar program. We have the option to participate in Washington; Idaho deserves the same. We owe it to our grandchildren to consider things beyond economics.

As a Montana native I am aware of the effect of the job loss in SE Montana. But there are now MORE jobs in sustainable energy than in coal. I support the Cheyennes request for compensation as a matter of justice. Leave the coal in the ground and invest in our future. It is past time to consider things beyond economics.

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