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To the Washington Utility and Transportation Commission
Regarding Docket # UE-200115

As an Avista customer and a citizen of Washington State, I am writing to you to ask you to oppose the proposed sale of Colstrip #4 by Puget Sound Electric to NorthWest. This sale is bad for Avista and its customers and it is against the intention of Washington State's CETA legislation.

NorthWestern told the Montana regulators they intend to run Colstrip Unit 4 until at least 2039. Therefore, PSE's proposed sale is in direct contrast to the expectations of our new 100% clean electricity law, the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) which ends all coal by 2025.

If the sale goes through, NorthWestern will have majority control of Unit 4 which they are likely to use to force Avista customers to pay for ongoing operations that are no longer beneficial. Therefore, PSE selling Colstrip to NorthWestern will put Avista customers at financial risk for ongoing operations.

Moreover, the price tag of cleaning up the coal ash waste is already hundreds of millions and could easily be over \$1 billion. Each owner's share of cleanup costs is now set, but if PSE sells, it could result in lawsuits and liabilities over who pays for the ongoing pollution, including Avista customers. This is another way that the sale might put Avista customers at financial risk.

Thank you for considering this.

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