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I am writing to express my concern and frustration over the proposed sale of Colstrip Unit #4 to NorthWestern Energy for several reasons. For one, it is the opposite of the intent of CETA. We should not sell the source of coal power for Washington and then buy back coal energy. Our climate goals to eliminate green house gas emissions in Washington must not result in pushing them over to Montana. Secondly, why should we the rate payers pay for the "higher of" NorthWestern's coal energy vs lower market prices? Thirdly, selling transmission lines which will only go up in value due to their location makes little sense. An expansion of transmission lines will be needed from Montana and Wyoming, not fewer. And lastly, this sale will commit PSE to higher clean up costs as NorthWestern continues to create more pollution while producing energy for its customers.

This sale will undermine our efforts to fight climate change. Colstrip should be fully closed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Candace Smith