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Please include the email comment below and the attachment in the public comments for Docket UE-200115.

Thank you,

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Dear Chairman Fitzgibbon:

I wish to support your efforts to stop the sale by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) of their share of the Colstrip #4 power plant together with the transmission line from Colstrip to Washington state. While I fully approve of the CETA legislation in this state to remove all fossil fuels from the supply of electrical power, I am concerned that PSE will not be well-positioned to replace that supply with

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renewable power.

As you have pointed out in your letter of September 16th to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Colstrip is close to a large area with high wind regimes suitable for wind farm development. I attach a map showing those regimes in the state of Montana together with a map of the transmission lines in Montana. The 500 kV and 230 kV transmission lines already pass through high-wind areas.

I urge you and the Washington UTC to require PSE to keep ownership of those transmission lines and to present plans for how sufficient wind energy from Montana (and elsewhere) will be transmitted to Washington in the future.

Yours truly

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