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Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 1:38 PM
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Aug 12, 2013

Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) WA

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Dear Commissioners,

I am contacting you as an individual with a great interest in Montana. As you know, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is the single largest owner of the Colstrip coal-fired power plant in Eastern Montana. As an aging coal-fired power plant, Colstrip has several environmental and public health issues that the WUTC should take into consideration when reviewing PSE's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

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I appreciate you taking my comments into consideration. Thank you for your time.

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Subject: 2013 Integrated Resource Plan, Dockets UE-120767 and UG-120768

Dear Commissioners,

I am contacting you as an individual with a great interest in Montana. As you know, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is the single largest owner of the Colstrip coal-fired power plant in Eastern Montana. As an aging coal-fired power plant, Colstrip has several environmental and public health issues that the WUTC should take into consideration when reviewing PSE's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

PSE can do better, especially considering that coal is the worst-polluting of fossil fuels and considering increasing problems of global warming and climate change. In addition, CO2 has been designated as an air pollutant by the U.S. Supreme Court.

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I appreciate you taking my comments into consideration. Thank you for your time.

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Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) WA

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