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Re: Docket UE-200115

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Dear Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission,

I am writing regarding the sale by Puget Sound Energy of its interests in the Colstrip Unit 4 coal-fired power plant in Montana.

STATE OF WASH.
UTIL. & TRANSP. COMMISSION

We are in the middle of a pandemic with many people out of work or with reduced incomes. And week after week the new jobless claims remain high. Tax payers will be paying the bill for the needed unemployment payouts. And Puget Sound Energy is requesting to have you approve that costs of decommissioning, remediation, and unrecovered plant due to this sale be included in customer rates. Don't do it.

Even if this sale does go through Puget Sound Energy will still be using power from the coal plant through 2025. This sale would not change PSE's source of energy. But it will increase the costs to customers.

The government of the state of Washington has essentially been shut down for the past seven months, and it appears will continue to be shut down for the foreseeable future. Not even elections have been deemed essential business by this state government. Special permission has to be received from county health departments by elections offices in counties in phase 2 to open up to the public during elections while we are in these lockdowns. And the state is doing spending cuts to make up for its own revenue shortfall. But the state is going to enforce legislation requiring that Puget Sound Energy convert to "clean energy" (which I argue wind power has not been proven to be) necessitating rate increases to customers to pay the cost? Don't do it.

The last I knew wind power was still in the courts. And the legislature does not have more power than the courts. This sale solves nothing. Don't do it.

If Puget Sound Energy has such a problem with continuing to use coal power then why don't they just sell their share of the power from the Colstrip Unit 4 coal-fired power plant in Montana to someone that wants the coal power rather than selling their share in the plant? It does seem it would be cheaper for Puget Sound Energy customers. And this sale does nothing to stop the production of coal power from this plant.

Sincerely,



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