

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Investigation of

AVISTA CORPORATION d/b/a AVISTA
UTILITIES, PUGET SOUND ENERGY, and
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,

Docket UE-190882

Regarding the Prudence of Outage and
Replacement Power Costs

In the Matter of

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT
COMPANY,

Docket UE-190458

2018 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

EXHIBIT

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Talen Montana, LLC, corrects air emissions violations

HELENA - The Montana Department of Environmental Quality announced that Talen Montana, LLC (Talen) has agreed to pay a \$450,000 penalty for air quality emissions and reporting violations at its Colstrip Generation Station. The settlement was made in a Consent Decree filed in a lawsuit in Rosebud County District Court on November 25, 2019, and the parties filed a stipulation asking the Court to enter the Consent Decree on December 5, 2019.

Talen violated the Montana Clean Air Act by exceeding the emission limit for non-mercury Hazardous Air Pollutant metals, specified in the Mercury and Air Toxics rule, in 2018. Talen also submitted an improper Certification of Compliance to DEQ in 2018. All violations have been corrected.

Talen continues to take corrective and mitigative actions, including:

- Conducting emissions testing on each electrical generating unit, each calendar month, for at least 12 months;
- Submitting a revised source test protocol for emissions testing for DEQ review and approval; and
- Submitting a demonstration, for DEQ review and approval, that the scrubbers on all four units are operating within the appropriate parameters for minimizing emissions.

As part of the settlement penalty, Talen will pay a \$112,500 penalty and fund two Supplemental Environmental Projects beneficial to local communities. One project will provide up to \$270,000 for a street sweeper for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and the other will provide up to \$103,000 to construct a deicer storage building for the City of Colstrip. Each project will contribute to particulate matter reductions within the community.

For additional information about the enforcement action, please contact the Department of Environmental Quality's Enforcement Program at (406) 444-0379 or visit the web site: <http://deq.mt.gov/DEQAdmin/ENF>

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