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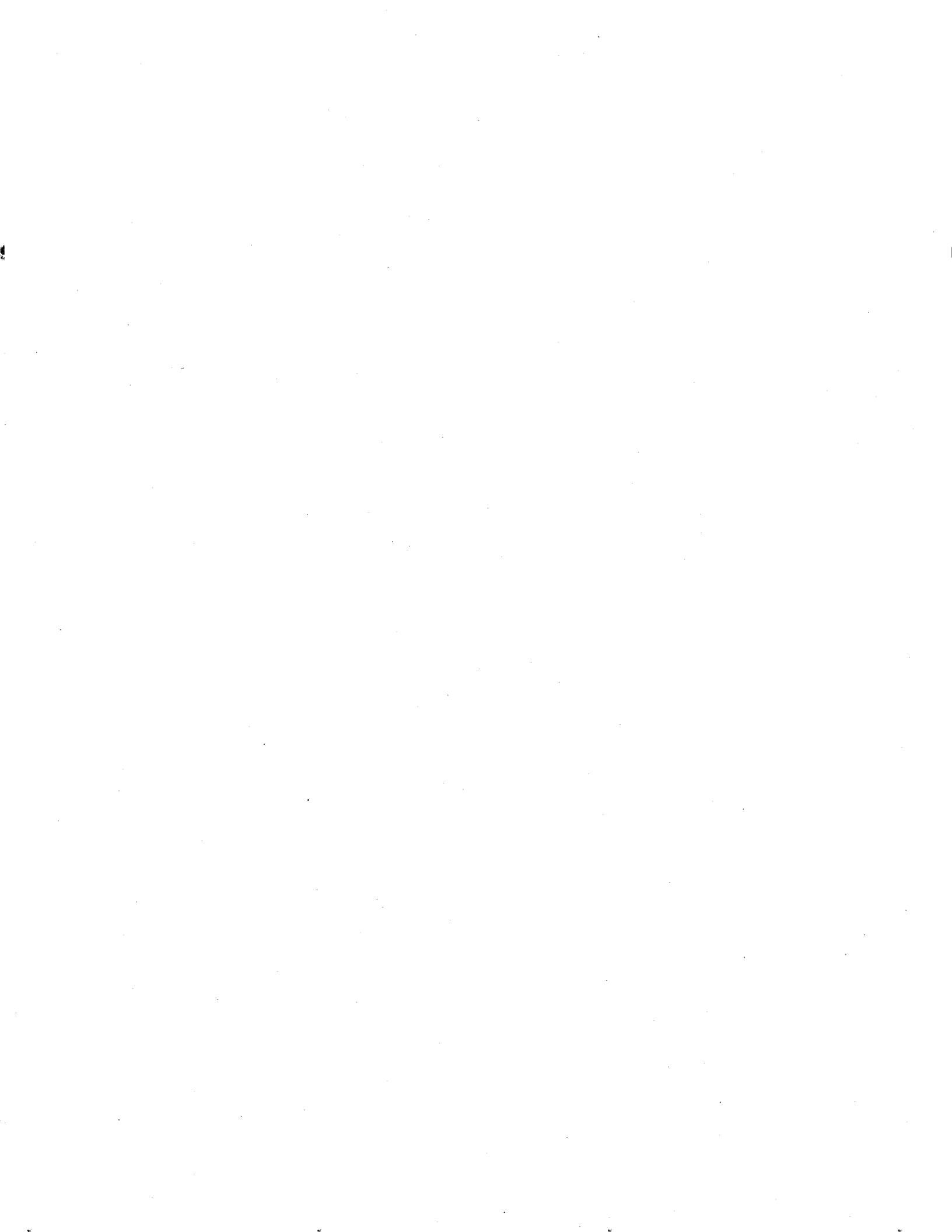
Dear Ms. Wyse,

Attached is a PDF containing 27 unique comments from Montana residents on PSE's 2015 Integrated Resource Plan (Dockets UE-141170 and UG-141169). Please let me know if you have any problems with the file.

Best,
Jessica

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Comment on Dockets UE-141170 and UG-141169

Wade Sikorski
1511 Highway 7
Baker, MT 59313

Dear UTC Commissioners:

I live in southeastern Montana on my family ranch, about 100 miles downwind of Colstrip. The haze from it diminishes the view from my house. I live on a hilltop where I can see 15 miles to the south, and maybe 50 miles to the west. Whenever I look around me, I see the haze that is caused by emissions from Colstrip. Since I run about 20 miles a week, my thoughts almost invariably turn to the impact emissions from Colstrip are having on my health. I am also increasingly concerned about the impact that global warming is having on my family's ranch and farming operation. When I was a child back in the '60's, my father built a flood irrigation system that almost always filled, top to bottom, every spring. Now, because our winters are warmer, snow no longer accumulates, and there is no longer a spring rush of water to fill our irrigation system. I would guess that this change alone has cost my family at least \$10,000 a year in reduced yields. According to a scientist who did a research project on a green ash grove on our place to figure out why they are dying out, changes in the hydrological cycle because of global warming are threatening our green ash grove. As a farmer, as I look to the future climate scientists are predicting if we do not do things like shutting down plants like Colstrip, I simply cannot imagine how my family can continue to grow food to feed your family. Rising temperatures will not only directly harm crops but bring with it increasing drought, more extreme weather, and increasing problems with insects and weeds. Putting it all together, I believe it will become impossible to grow a crop in Montana by the end of the century if we don't do things like shutting down Colstrip. From my experiences with wind erosion, I assure you that eastern Montana has excellent wind resources. Power from Colstrip could very easily, and at a cheaper cost, be replaced by wind farms spread across Montana, using the transmission line already in place to reduce fluctuations in power supply. Do the right thing by my family and yours: Shut down Colstrip.

Sincerely,
Wade Sikorski

Comment on Dockets UE-141170 and UG-141169

Lynsey Griswold
1325 S 1st St W Apt 6
Missoula, MT 59801

Dear UTC Commissioners: I urge you not to acknowledge any long-range (but short-sighted) proposal from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) that does not address a retirement plan for PSE's dirty, dangerous, and increasingly expensive Colstrip coal plant. The question is not whether PSE will be forced to retire Colstrip Units 1 and 2--the question is when. Higher operating costs combined with the plummeting price of renewable and natural gas has significantly impacted the plant's financial stability. When NorthWestern Energy considered buying PPL Montana's share of Colstrip, they found that the value of Colstrip plus PPL Montana's hydro assets was worth less than the hydro assets alone. That means that Colstrip had a negative long-term value. Senator Ankney himself acknowledged in October that Colstrip Units 1 and 2 are unlikely to run beyond 2025-2030. It is critical that we plan ahead for Colstrip's retirement to ensure an orderly and just transition to clean energy and to address the clean of Colstrip's toxic coal ash ponds. Sincerely,

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Lynsey Griswold

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Verlin Bonner
238 Red Fox Rd
Lolo, MT 59847

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Verlin Bonner

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Douglas Ludwig
594 4th Ave. W.N.
Kalispell, MT 59901

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Sincerely,
Douglas Ludwig

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Darlene and John Grove
PO Box 77
Stevensville, MT 59870

Dear UTC Commissioners:

I was around in the 70's when there was a big push for many coal fired plants in eastern Montana. Luckily, we only got four and are still known as the Big Sky Country, especially when out-of-state visitors come. And I remember when the energy company lobbyists paraded through the MT State House, looking down on citizen lobbyists and threatening us with living in the dark and cold with no power unless we gave into their demands. And the bleeding hearts of those lobbyists when they were asked to scrub the smokestacks and cut the pollution. It was always too expensive to protect the environment or the health of Montanans. Meanwhile the corporate structure is walking away with our resources and quality of life as they have forever.

We ask you to reject any plan PSE that does not address a retirement plan for Colstrip. It is time. I urge you not to acknowledge any long-range proposal from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) that does not address a retirement plan for PSE's dirty, dangerous, and increasingly expensive Colstrip coal plant. The question is not whether PSE will be forced to retire Colstrip Units 1 and 2--the question is when. Higher operating costs combined with the plummeting price of renewable and natural gas has significantly impacted the plant's financial stability. When NorthWestern Energy considered buying PPL Montana's share of Colstrip, they found that the value of Colstrip plus PPL Montana's hydro assets was worth less than the hydro assets alone. That means that Colstrip had a negative long-term value. Senator Ankney himself acknowledged in October that Colstrip Units 1 and 2 are unlikely to run beyond 2025-2030. It is critical that we plan ahead for Colstrip's retirement to ensure an orderly and just transition to clean energy and to address the clean of Colstrip's toxic coal ash ponds.

Sincerely,
Darlene and John Grove

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Sarah Dickinson
309 N Black Ave
Bozeman, MT 59715

Dear UTC Commissioners:

I urge you not to acknowledge any long-range proposal from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) that does not address a retirement plan for PSE's dirty, dangerous, and increasingly expensive Colstrip coal plant. Alongside the retirement of the plant, it is ONLY FAIR for plant owners and local and state governments to address the needs of the many who will be put out of work. Check out the Florida experience of converting fisherman to clam raisers. A thoroughly amazing story of success. The State pitched in and retrained and supported establishment of an entire industry for displaced gill netters. It is STILL working, about 20 years later. And it ONLY FAIR that workers are considered. The question is not whether PSE will be forced to retire Colstrip Units 1 and 2--the question is when. Higher operating costs combined with the plummeting price of renewable and natural gas has significantly impacted the plant's financial stability. When NorthWestern Energy considered buying PPL Montana's share of Colstrip, they found that the value of Colstrip plus PPL Montana's hydro assets was worth less than the hydro assets alone. That means that Colstrip had a negative long-term value. Senator Ankney himself acknowledged in October that Colstrip Units 1 and 2 are unlikely to run beyond 2025-2030. It is critical that we plan ahead for Colstrip's retirement to ensure an orderly and just transition to clean energy and to address the clean up of Colstrip's toxic coal ash ponds...and to retrain the displaced workers.

Sincerely,
Sarah Dickinson

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Peggy Zetler
250A N Colorado St
Dillon, MT 59725

Dear UTC Commissioners: The UK is 100% done with coal in 10 years. You haven't even begun to move jobs by supporting clean energy options. Way behind and backwards. I urge you not to acknowledge any long-range proposal from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) that does not address a retirement plan for PSE's dirty, dangerous, and increasingly expensive Colstrip coal plant. The question is not whether PSE will be forced to retire Colstrip Units 1 and 2--the question is when. Higher operating costs combined with the plummeting price of renewable and natural gas has significantly impacted the plant's financial stability. When NorthWestern Energy considered buying PPL Montana's share of Colstrip, they found that the value of Colstrip plus PPL Montana's hydro assets was worth less than the hydro assets alone. That means that Colstrip had a negative long-term value. Senator Ankney himself acknowledged in October that Colstrip Units 1 and 2 are unlikely to run beyond 2025-2030. It is critical that we plan ahead for Colstrip's retirement to ensure an orderly and just transition to clean energy and to address the clean of Colstrip's toxic coal ash ponds.

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Marya Grathwohl
1134 N 22nd St Apt 7
Billings, MT 59101

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Sincerely,
Marya Grathwohl

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Joe Ban
914 8th Ave N
Great Falls, MT 59401

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Donna Onstott
PO Box 830
Livingston, MT 59047

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Dan Avery
3445 Burlington St
Butte, MT 59701

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Sincerely,
Dan Avery

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Sally Dickinson
309 N Black Ave
Bozeman, MT 59715

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Sincerely,
Sally Dickinson

Comment on Dockets UE-141170 and UG-141169

Peter Norlander
1011 Cardinal Dr
Belgrade, MT 59714

Dear UTC Commissioners:

I am Peter Norlander and we must work to save our environment for all our Children. I urge you not to acknowledge any long-range proposal from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) that does not address a retirement plan for PSE's dirty, dangerous, and increasingly expensive Colstrip coal plant. The question is not whether PSE will be forced to retire Colstrip Units 1 and 2--the question is when. Higher operating costs combined with the plummeting price of renewable and natural gas has significantly impacted the plant's financial stability. When NorthWestern Energy considered buying PPL Montana's share of Colstrip, they found that the value of Colstrip plus PPL Montana's hydro assets was worth less than the hydro assets alone. That means that Colstrip had a negative long-term value. Senator Ankney himself acknowledged in October that Colstrip Units 1 and 2 are unlikely to run beyond 2025-2030. It is critical that we plan ahead for Colstrip's retirement to ensure an orderly and just transition to clean energy and to address the clean up of Colstrip's toxic coal ash ponds.

Sincerely,
Peter Norlander

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Hallie Rugheimer
678 Flathead Creek Rd
Wilsall, MT 59086

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Sincerely,
Hallie Rugheimer

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James Bailey
581 Antelope Ridge Rd
Belgrade, MT 59714

Dear UTC Commissioners:

I urge you not to acknowledge any long-range proposal from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) that does not address a retirement plan for PSE's dirty, dangerous, and increasingly expensive Colstrip coal plant. It is time to change the dialog. There is no such thing as "clean coal" relative to climate change. We must begin now to help the people and the community of Colstrip to provide the best transition possible. Since the transmission infrastructure is there, is a wind farm possible as part of the solution? It is critical that we plan ahead for Colstrip's retirement to ensure an orderly and just transition to clean energy and to address the clean of Colstrip's toxic coal ash ponds.

Sincerely,
James Bailey

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Laulette Hansen
127 S Easy St
Missoula, MT 59802

Dear UTC Commissioners:

For heaven's sake, let's lead, and look to the future! The age of petrochemicals is O-V-E-R; they're expensive, destructive & dirty. They kill & sicken ALL air breathing life, and make a Very Few very rich. These wealthy few do not build homes or ranches on strip mo nes. M ote! I urge you not to acknowledge any long-range proposal from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) that does not address a retirement plan for PSE's dirty, dangerous, and increasingly expensive Colstrip coal plant. The question is not whether PSE will be forced to retire Colstrip Units 1 and 2--the question is when. Higher operating costs combined with the plummeting price of renewable and natural gas has significantly impacted the plant's financial stability. When NorthWestern Energy considered buying PPL Montana's share of Colstrip, they found that the value of Colstrip plus PPL Montana's hydro assets was worth less than the hydro assets alone. That means that Colstrip had a negative long-term value. Senator Ankney himself acknowledged in October that Colstrip Units 1 and 2 are unlikely to run beyond 2025-2030. It is critical that we plan ahead for Colstrip's retirement to ensure an orderly and just transition to clean energy and to address the clean of Colstrip's toxic coal ash ponds.

Sincerely,
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Margaret Adam
PO Box 5197
Bozeman, MT 59717

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Sincerely,
Margaret Adam

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Claudia Narcisco
5607 Gharrett Ave
Missoula, MT 59803

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Sincerely,
Claudia Narcisco

Comment on Dockets UE-141170 and UG-141169

Ellen Quinn
3514 3rd Ave S
Billings, MT 59101

Dear UTC Commissioners: I urge you not to acknowledge any long-range proposal from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) that does not address a retirement plan for the workers of the Colstrip coal plant, and also to address the issues that the dirty plant leaves behind. The question is not whether PSE will be forced to retire Colstrip Units 1 and 2--the question is when. Senator Ankney himself acknowledged in October that Colstrip Units 1 and 2 are unlikely to run beyond 2025-2030. It is critical that we plan ahead for Colstrip's retirement to ensure an orderly and just transition to clean energy and to address the clean of Colstrip's toxic coal ash ponds. As someone who moved to Billings just five months ago, even I have noticed how few and far between jobs are in Montana. There simply isn't sufficient money in the state for many systems to run effectively. It is very, very important for PSE to take care of their workers in Colstrip when the plant it retired. Please, do not accept a plan from them without making sure their workers have means to support their families upon the closure of the plant.

Sincerely,
Ellen Quinn

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Elton Erp
2614 Gold Rush Ave
Helena, MT 59601

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Teresa Brock
2210 38th St.
Missoula, MT 59801

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Sincerely,
Teresa Brock

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Lori Byron
RR1 Box 1079
Hardin, MT 59034

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Sincerely,
Lori Byron MD

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Charles Mills
615 Cooley St
Missoula, MT 59802

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James Roach
4720 Humble Rd
Missoula, MT 59804

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Sincerely,
James Roach

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Alice Bucknam
1634 Highwood Rd
Great Falls, MT 59405

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Susan M Elliott
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Sincerely,
Susan M Elliott

Comment on Dockets UE-141170 and UG-141169

Mary Stange
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Dear UTC Commissioners:

My husband and I operate a bison ranch in Carter County, Montana. We have lived here since 1988, and can remember when the last thing one would worry about hereabouts was clean air. Yet we have in the past several years experienced a continual deterioration of the air quality here--particle pollution is a daily fact of life. It takes no enormous stretch of the imagination to link two facts together, in this regard: that our ranch lies southeast of Colstrip, and that the Chalk Buttes--directly to our east--trap much of the air drifting our way on the prevailing northwesterly winds. I therefore urge you not to acknowledge any long-range proposal from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) that does not address a retirement plan for PSE's dirty, dangerous, and increasingly expensive Colstrip coal plant. The question is not whether PSE will be forced to retire Colstrip Units 1 and 2--the question is when. Higher operating costs combined with the plummeting price of renewable and natural gas has significantly impacted the plant's financial stability. When NorthWestern Energy considered buying PPL Montana's share of Colstrip, they found that the value of Colstrip plus PPL Montana's hydro assets was worth less than the hydro assets alone. That means that Colstrip had a negative long-term value. Senator Ankney himself acknowledged in October that Colstrip Units 1 and 2 are unlikely to run beyond 2025-2030. It is critical that we plan ahead for Colstrip's retirement to ensure an orderly and just transition to clean energy and to address the clean of Colstrip's toxic coal ash ponds.

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