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Subject: Clean Energy, Not Coal

Dear UTC Commissioners,

As a concerned resident of Montana, I urge you not to acknowledge any proposal that does not address a transition plan for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) dirty and increasingly expensive Colstrip coal-fired plant. Montana and the region need to plan for a transition from dirty energy sources to clean energy, and PSE's IRP needs to reflect this inevitable transition.

Montana has one of the best wind energy resources in the nation, and is uniquely poised to supply clean wind energy to the region, including Washington State. Development of clean energy in Montana can assist in the transition taking place in Washington to clean energy and reduce carbon emissions.

All across the country, communities and utilities have declared that coal is too costly and risky for ratepayers, including Portland General Electric and TransAlta (two other utilities invested in Colstrip). More than 200 coal plants are slated to retire. It is time to develop a plan to transition off coal and to invest in clean energy for the benefit of the regions ratepayers, our local economy, and our children's future.

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