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Subject: PSE Costrip comments (2)

Hello. I understand Roger forwarded these comments to the Records Center for inclusion in a list. Please let me know if you need additional information.
Thanks!
Sheri

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Utility Company Name:	PSE	Support the Filing Issue:	No
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Comments:

Re: UG-141169 and UE-141170

PSE is facing upgrades to Colstrip costing hundreds of millions of dollars, and they're also on the hook for cleaning up Colstrip's toxic coal ash ponds.

PSE should be investing in clean energy solutions! Not spending hundreds of millions of dollars on a 19th century, coal-powered, massively polluting fuel source for electricity generation.

Clean energy boosts our regional economy, slashes carbon pollution, and improves public health.

Thank you!

Cynthia Franklin
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To the UTC Commissioners
Dear Sirs

I am writing to request the stopping of PSE's dependence on the Coal Strip Plant in Montana for 30% of PSE's power.

Electrical power generated by the burning of coal is a major source of damaging pollution of the air, the water and the ground. The February 15, 2016 issue of Chemical and Engineering News cover story reports on how environmental disasters have renewed efforts for sustainable waste management. According to the article, coal ash is the second most abundant waste material in the US, behind household trash. In spite of efforts to discover uses for coal ash, 1.5 billion tons are currently stockpiled in the US. In December 2008, a dike collapsed at a waste storage pond at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Kingston power plant. More than 3.8 billion liters of water containing 4.1 million cubic meters of coal ash were released. Several homes were inundated and the Emory River was contaminated. The cleanup took until 2015 and cost \$1.1 billion.

Meanwhile, the cost of clean, renewable power generating systems such as wind and solar has come down dramatically in recent years. It is now more economical to generate electrical power by these means.

The Coal Strip Plant is reaching the end of its originally planned term of use. It should be shut down as soon as possible

Thank you for considering my comments.

Gregory F Smith, Bothell, Washington.