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Commissioner Danner:

It has come to the attention of the League of Women Voters of Washington that the UTC has opened public comment on Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) *Integrative Resource Plan*. We would like to take this opportunity to comment on a part of that plan.

It is our understanding that PSE intends to retain its ownership of a portion of the Colstrip Generation Facility and continue to use the electricity generated from this coal-fired power plant as a significant part of its mix of sources of electricity serving much of western Washington for the next twenty years. It is also our understanding that PSE and the other owners of Colstrip Generation Facility have a number of potential liabilities from this plant that have not been fully accounted for in its final recommendation. (See comment by Sierra Club at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/docs/Pages/DocketLookup.aspx?FilingID=120767>.)

We know that the Colstrip Generation Facility is one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in the Western United States. We are very disappointed that it will continue to pollute our air for the foreseeable future. The League supports the preservation of the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem and maximum protection of public health and the environment. The League's environmental protection and anti-pollution goals aim to prevent ecological degradation and to reduce and control pollutants before they go down the sewer, up the chimney, or into the landfill.

We would appreciate any steps the Commission can take to mitigate PSE's continued reliance on coal-fired generation of electricity. The electricity purchased by those of us in Western Washington from PSE needs to increasingly come from non-polluting renewable energy sources.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

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