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I want you to take action so that PSE will phase out Colstrip in less than 20 years and reduce my risk of rate increases because of adverse impacts from lawsuits, environmental damage assessment, or other as yet unknown costs associated with owning and getting energy from one of the most environmentally damaging coal power plants west of the Mississippi.

I want you specifically to require PSE to provide a plan for ending its use of Colstrip for electric generation in much less than 20 years.

Lack of required planning will allow PSE to continue to do business as usual and in my experience, when there is no external requirement for change - change doesn't happen. Thus, without your requiring an approved plan to get out of Colstrip. PSE will remain in the situation of generating electricity from an undesirable source.

Further, without a commitment through a plan to get out in less than 20 years PSE will not be incentivized to find alternate cleaner electrical generation sources.

I ask you as a PSE customer and citizen of WA to require PSE to develop a plan that ends their relationship with Colestrip rapidly.

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