

To the Utility and Transportation Commission:

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This letter is to protest Puget Sound Energy's continued use of coal for 30% of its energy from one of the oldest and dirtiest coal plants on the West Coast, with no plans for transitioning to a cleaner form of energy, all of which is technologically possible at this point. The environmental cost must be factored in to the total expense of any way forward, and the energy companies have a moral imperative to lead the way in this respect. The continued reliance on the Colstrip plant endangers the health of all creatures, will contribute adversely to the future of our children, and supports the fossil fuel industry which is wreaking havoc with our world, and is completely without conscience. The cost of carbon emissions is not included in Puget Sound's IRP, and it needs to be! We need a tax on carbon emissions, clearly, but this is an opportunity for this electric company to choose the high road, now!

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