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Dear UTC Commissioners:

We urge you to move Avista Utilities and any other electrical power producer beyond coal and other fossil fuels to clean energy solutions and create thousands of regional and national jobs in the process. This is the time for a huge opportunity to invest in the future of clean energy instead of retrofitting old technology at Colstrip or other coal fired generating plants and relying on gas generation with its own set of issues.

The risks associated with digging, drilling, hauling/piping and burning coal and other fossil fuels to our health, landscape and ocean, waterways, land and air environment and including the risk of Global Warming is just too great.

We advocate for the use of nuclear power and other clean energy such as hydro, and reasonable wind and solar.

The use of nuclear should include Uranium derivatives such as Thorium and include recycling of stored radioactive materials and as well, such as at Hanford for use as fuel in new nuclear electrical producing plants.

We realize one nuclear plant can produce as much as 5,000 wind units and is not subject to the whims of nature and the substantial costs of maintenance. We, therefore, call for common sense in advocating for alternative generating facilities.

We realize that nuclear technology has advanced significantly over the past 50 years and is safe and reliable and as France has determined over the past half a century; and as well, our military use of nuclear such as in submarines and carriers.

We also know that use of nuclear fuel for production of electrical power will allow most countries, including third world, to enjoy the benefits and industry of inexpensive electrical power and move them beyond fossil fuels also.

Further, we know the use of nuclear fuels for generation of electrical power will reduce the availability of nuclear bomb making materials reducing the likelihood of nuclear holocaust.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Forrest Dexter