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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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RE: Comments on Puget Sound Energy's Integrated Resource Plan

Dear Chairman Danner and Commission Members:

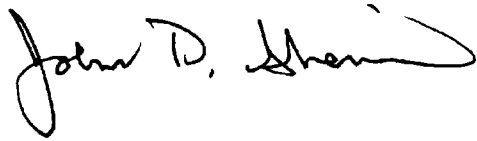
I am writing to comment on Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) that is currently open for public comment as part of the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission's (UTC) review process.

In 2011, approximately 32% of PSE's electricity came from burning coal, with a majority coming from the Colstrip Generating Facility in Eastern Montana. I would like to see PSE's IRP more thoroughly and accurately address the environmental, health and financial costs of mining, transporting and burning coal. Washington Administrative Code (480-100-238 (2)(b)) directs the UTC to consider that the lowest reasonable cost scenarios in the IRP include the cost of risks associated with environmental effects including carbon dioxide. In June, President Obama directed the EPA to develop carbon emission standards for coal plants and final standards and regulations are due in June 2015. Unfortunately PSE's preferred portfolio assumes no cost or price on carbon for the next 20 years.

If the full costs, uncertainties, and risks of Colstrip's continued operation are considered, it is likely that the combined costs of complying with environmental impacts (including impacts related to air pollution, coal ash, and groundwater), upgrading plant technology and infrastructure, and likely regulation of carbon pollution would be greater than cleaner alternatives such as expanded energy efficiency, renewable energy and developing a smarter, more resilient and less centralized power grid. Amory Lovins and the Rocky Mountain Institute have created a blueprint to reinvent the way we generate and distribute energy without the use of fossil fuels, especially dirty dangerous forms like coal. We need to recognize and seize this amazing opportunity.

I urge the UTC to instruct PSE to include the true costs and risks for PSE's plan for future energy sources. Given the uncertainty associated with pending lawsuits and likelihood that that Colstrip will be burdened with stricter pollution standards (including carbon dioxide), it is imperative that PSE has a plan for reducing reliance on Colstrip and shifting to cleaner energy sources that will provide greater rate certainty for customers.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Sherwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "D" and "S".

John Sherwin
Issaquah, WA

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Dear Chairman Danner and Commission Members:

Many utilities in the United States are moving away from coal, and I, as a Washington State business owner and Puget Sound Energy (PSE) customer want PSE to move beyond coal and invest in clean energy. Investing business and individual ratepayer dollars into clean energy and energy efficiency creates jobs and reduces harmful pollution. This is a better choice for Washington.

PSE has been a trusted partner in building Washington's clean energy economy. They have already committed to a better future by investing in renewable energy technology and energy efficiency. However, I am deeply concerned that nearly one-third of our energy continues to come from coal, largely from the Colstrip Generating Station in Eastern Montana.

The most recent PSE Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) proposed using coal for *twenty more years*. And, it predicted NO increase in the cost of coal for the next two decades. Including the true cost of coal in the current IRP is a necessary step to move our state and region towards a clean energy economy.

In the coming years PSE will need to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in order to keep Colstrip operating safely and legally. This is bad business. Investing additional money in a dirty and dangerous coal plant is not only bad for our climate, it is a bad bet for Washington business.

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council have documented an abundance of energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities. Thousands of well-paying jobs will come from the transition from dirty coal to clean energy. Continued investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy is the only sure bet to lower energy bills, protect the people and places we love, and invigorate our state economy. It's time to do the right thing and move beyond coal.

As a responsible business owner I recognize the central importance of accurately predicting expense and adapting to market changes. That's why I support the Coal Free PSE campaign. I look forward to working with you to help you move beyond coal and create a clean energy future that benefits us all.

Sincerely,

Business Name	Owner/Representative
The Traveler	Susan Taylor
Petit and Olson	Kathryn Petit
Dana's Showhouse	Terri Bryant
Steve Hall, M.D.	Steve Hall, M.D.
Vetiver Organic Hair Spa	Kristina Ricotta and Richie Bemm
Forest Fairy Bakery	Linda Hayes
Eagle Harbor Book Company	Tim Hunter
Willow's Naturally	Willow Follett
Urban Onion	Jenny Shaw
Peace, Love & Raw	Leland D. Harmell
Whodunit Books	Linda Dewberg
Oly Vegan	Lesli P. Baker
Olive Infusion	John Holeh
Dumpster Values L.L.C	Kanako Wynkoop
Bay Hay and Feed	Howard Block
BI Bicycle Shop	Tom Clune
Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank	Cori Walters
Eastside Audiology & Hearing Services	Chris Borders
Davis Studio Architecture + Design	Jonathan Davis
Furnish Bainbridge	Mary Terry
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Rainy Day Records	Adam Hardaway
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Last Word Books	Jeremy Cooper
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Walt's Lynwood Market	Walter Hannon
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Eagle Harbor Insurance LLC	Thomas Sawyer
Essential Yoga Therapy	Robin Rothenberg
Exotic Aquatics Scuba + Kayaking	Pamela Auxier
Flowering Around	Ashley Henry
Phoenix Rising Hair Designs	Paulette Jacobson
Village Music at Lynwood Center	Debby Simcoe
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Math Logic, LLC	Huong Nguyen
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Connexion 24-7	Clay Eaton
Restaurant Marche	Elizabeth Atkinson
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Rimini Software	John Sherwin
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Safford Connors Transportation Inc	Bertha H Safford
Ferndale Family Medical Center, Family Care Network	John Hruby MD
Paper Products	Terry Arndt
Metro Market Catering & Cafe	Jason Devinney
Bainbridge Business Park	Linda Owen
The Berry Patch	Jane Pomeroy
Blackbird Bakery	Jeffry Shepard
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Natural Living Services	Elizabeth Valdez
Tiger Mountain Acupuncture	Sue Foss and Christina Jackson
BioImmersion	Seann and Dohrea Bardell
Consulatio	Greg McDonald
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AppsJack	Eric Veal
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Winslow Animal Clinic	Thomas Penn
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