

Comment on Docket # 143214

Dear UTC Commissioners,

We urge you to move Avista Utilities beyond coal to clean energy solutions. This is a huge opportunity to invest in a clean energy future and local jobs instead of dumping millions of dollars into an outdated coal-fired power plant.

The community has already been surprised to discover that Avista gets 20% of its electricity from coal! Last fall, over 1,500 Avista customers signed a petition to the Utilities and Transportation Commission supporting this transition.

As your company works on its 20-year electricity plan, it is in everyone's best interest to realize the risks associated with coal power to our health, the environment and ratepayers. You'd be in good company - more than 200 coal plants across the country have decided that coal is too costly to continue to burn, including Portland General Electric and TransAlta here in the Northwest. It is time to develop a plan to replace coal power with sustainable energy - energy efficiency upgrades, wind and solar power.

The choice is clear - spend millions of dollars propping up your aging, out-of-state coal plant or invest in clean energy and jobs for Washington's future.

Let's create thousands of clean energy jobs, and take a step on climate change in the process.

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