

Dear Puget Sound CEO Kimberly Harris,

As a Washingtonian and a customer, I applaud your leadership on retiring the two dirtiest boilers at Colstrip. But I am distressed to hear of PSE's intention to pursue a new coal contract at Colstrip.

I am sure you know the health and climate risks of burning coal, so I ask my utility to pursue future-looking energy solutions. From your perspective, it may be easier to extend a coal contract or pursue new natural gas generation, but your ratepayers probably feel differently.

The Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Council's projections show natural gas is unnecessary to meet expected energy demand for at least a decade.

As a young ratepayer who will be watching the energy mix you are entrusted to provide me, I know your leadership has implemented energy efficiency pilot projects that can reduce our utility bills, and coupling new investments in renewables with scaled efficiency measures is this customer's preferred service.

I hope you will deepen your leadership in clean energy and commit to closing Colstrip while bolstering RE and energy efficiency solutions.

Very sincerely,  
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