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Hello and good day Ms. Harris,

I write to you from Bellevue, Washington today. I would first like to thank you for taking the time out of your day to read my letter. It warms my heart knowing that my concerns are being heard on the other end. Next, a second display of extreme gratitude for Puget Sound Energy's decision to retire two coal units by July of 2022. By this, PSE is joining the movement towards cleaner energy and a cleaner future for all.

However, it is to my knowledge that PSE plans to continue operating two other coal units within the Colstrip plant until 2035. This is truly disheartening news. I understand that 30% of electricity used in this greater area comes all the way from the Colstrip Power Plant in Montana. Yet, I am still very concerned for the well-being and health of those around me.

You may have heard of Carbon-Free PSE campaign. Before you toss my letter in the trash, please hear me out. I recently discovered a wonderful fact, after 256 coal plants have retired. This has prevented around 7,000 infant and child mortalities, around 12,000 asthma attacks, and has curbed close to 11,000 heart attacks. What a saving grace! This just goes to show how together, we can push for greater and better health for our communities. Without →

this campaign's determined pushes, those statistics would not look so positive. Now, I would like to support Carbon-Free PSE's movement. I invite you and Puget Sound Energy to do the same.

In 2014, you participated in the ALS ice bucket challenge. I watched the video on Twitter myself and think (know) you did a wonderful thing for an incredible cause. Now, just a few facts I found about Lou Gehrig's Disease. According to ALSA.org, "when the breathing muscles become affected, ultimately, people with the disease will need permanent ventilatory support to assist breathing." No one knows what exactly causes ALS, but environmental factors are thought to play a big role. As you probably already know, there is still no cure for ALS, sadly.

That being said, I would like ^{to ask} for you to please consider retiring the two coal units slated for retirement in 2035 by 2025. It goes without saying that carbon pollution is lethal. A Stanford University study in 2008 found that "worldwide, up to 20,000 air-pollution-related deaths per year per degree Celsius may be due to greenhouse gases emissions". That is alarming to me and I have to wonder if ALS-afflicted individuals are among that statistic and if they are also more at risk of death due to these carbon emissions.

I also personally know and dearly love several individuals who suffer from asthma and I myself have gone through bouts of Bronchitis. I thank the Lord that I do not live in breathing proximity of a coal mine or coal plant. I worry immensely about those that do, including the generations of future children who will inevitably suffer the consequences of living near one. I will continue praying that none of my loved ones will be personally affected. I also wish the same for you.

I urge you to lead the clean energy movement, for the sake of your loved ones, your community, Colstrip communities, ALS individuals, and yourself. By staying off dirty coal, Puget Sound Energy can and will ensure Washington's leadership in sustainability and also create thousands of green jobs in the state and Northwest. By doing this, you and PSE will continue supporting American livelihoods and make a real difference in the lives of those that matter to you.

Thank you for considering my letter and for doing the just and right thing.

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1	1. The first step in the process of the cell cycle is the G1 phase. During this phase, the cell grows and prepares for DNA replication.
2	2. The second step is the S phase, where DNA replication occurs. The cell's DNA is duplicated, resulting in two identical copies of each chromosome.
3	3. The third step is the G2 phase, where the cell continues to grow and prepares for the final division. The cell checks for any errors in the DNA and repairs them.
4	4. The final step is the M phase, where the cell divides into two daughter cells. This is achieved through the process of mitosis, where the chromosomes are separated and pulled apart.
5	5. The cell cycle is a continuous process that allows a cell to grow and divide, ensuring the survival and reproduction of the organism.
6	6. The cell cycle is regulated by a complex system of proteins and signaling molecules, ensuring that each step occurs in the correct order and at the right time.
7	7. The cell cycle is essential for the growth and development of all multicellular organisms, as it allows for the replacement of old or damaged cells with new ones.
8	8. The cell cycle is also involved in the repair of damaged tissues and the maintenance of the body's overall health.
9	9. The cell cycle is a highly coordinated and controlled process, and any disruption can lead to serious health problems, such as cancer.
10	10. The cell cycle is a fundamental process in biology, and understanding it is crucial for advancing our knowledge of life and disease.
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