

June 28, 2017

To: Kimberly Harris  
CEO Puget Sound Energy

Dear Ms Harris,

These are probably challenging times for you, since it is becoming clearer and clearer that the fossil fuel industry is going to have to undergo significant changes at a rapid pace in order to keep our world liveable. Climate change is a big problem, and will require courage to address it.

I delivered babies in Washington State for over twenty years. What I think about as I write to you ~~today~~, now that I have retired from obstetrics, is the babies being born today. They will probably live until 2100, when the worst effects of climate change will kick in if we continue on our current course.

I ask that you stick to your plan to close down the coal plants at Colstrip, and that you not replace them with gas plants. Given the effects of fugitive methane, this would not be an improvement over coal, and would likely end up as a "stranded asset."

So - be strong - for my grandchildren and yours. You have incredible power, and you can do this!

Melvin Plant  
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