

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

August 31, 2017

Puget Sound Energy (GRC) - Public Comment Hearing

Thank you, Commissioners, for looking out for the best interests of Washington's Puget Sound Energy customers.

My name is Rhonda Hunter and I am a PSE customer.

As a ratepayer, I do not want to pay the costs of keeping the Montana Colstrip plants 3 & 4 running any longer than it is humanly possible to shut them down. If we could shut them down immediately, I would prefer that, but if that is not possible, let's look at success from the Portland Boardman Plant.

Down in Portland, they planned ahead to shut down the Boardman Plant and planned for the conversion away from coal energy plus the conversion for new jobs for workers. If Portland can succeed, so can we.

Colstrip 3 & 4 are the dirtiest coal plants west of the Mississippi and we (the ratepayers) should not incur greater debts to clean them up, while the shareholder investors continue to make a profit by extending their use. Especially if they try to continue to run the plants beyond 2025.

Please make PSE begin their planning now to shut down Colstrip 3 & 4 by 2025, by refusing to allow them to pass the costs of cleanup over to us ratepayers.

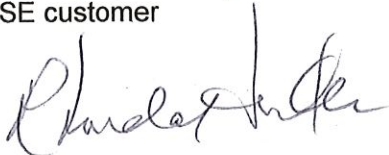
I am retired on a fixed income and cannot easily afford higher rates. I am deeply concerned about climate disruption from coal burning and do not want to be forced to pay for continued burning of coal.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhonda Hunter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".