

Testimony submitted by

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Regarding Puget Sound Energy's 2017 rate case.

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Thank you board members. I appreciate the opportunity to speak publicly about such an important issue. I am here today simply to acknowledge PSE and thank them for the progress they have made in moving away from coal power towards a more renewable energy portfolio. I would just ask that we find an opportunity to accelerate PSE efforts by closing all Colstrip facilities and removing coal entirely from PSE energy portfolio no later than 2025.

As a PSE customer, I care where my electricity comes from and like many PSE customers I don't want my electricity sourced from a coal fired plant that was identified as one of the largest climate polluters in the United States in 2015. In addition to being more costly than other energy sources, coal's long-term contribution to climate pollution and the impacts to ground water and the health and well-being of those living near the facility make it too costly to be considered a viable option.

There is a real opportunity to move away from a 19th century energy source and move towards a better energy figure that is consistent with King County's strategic climate action plan and also provides PSE residential customers with the same options that are being offered to PSE business customers through Green Direct program.

*that requires millions
in remediation*

Thank you for your time and efforts on this important issue.

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