

PSE Rate Case Testimony

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Hi my name is Greg Saul and I'd like to thank the commissioners for allowing us to testify. I've been a PSE customer for 27 years, first in Sammamish and now in Olympia. Like many of us I have been in love with the outdoors here in the Pacific Northwest for a long time. But it was only around the time of the Paris Climate Agreement that I wondered about where our electricity from PSE really comes from. You can bet I was surprised and kind of disgusted when I learned about Colstrip. It may have been OK prior to the Paris Accords, but it is definitely not OK now and especially not after 2025. Yes, we still need electricity and inexpensive is good, but having it be sustainably generated is even better and something I'm willing to pay for.

My sister worked as a Wetlands Coordinator for the State of Montana. When we were on vacation together two weeks ago, she told me about a trip she took out to Colstrip before she retired in 2015. She described it to me as an ecological disaster. As a PSE rate payer that makes me worry about the bills I might be paying for the site cleanup. For these reasons, that is why I'm here today to ask that PSE get off coal by 2025 and start planning for a just transition immediately.

Thank you very much.

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