

Dear PSE CEO Kimberly Harris,

I am writing to express my appreciation for your forward-thinking commitment to retire two of the dirtiest boilers at the Coalstrip coal plant. I am also writing to urge PSE to retire units 3 and 4 on the grounds of local health and global climate concerns.

I am a mother of 3 children. Two of my 3 children suffer from asthma and my father passed away from asthma 20 years ago. I am very concerned about the communities in Coalstrip and surrounding areas. These communities have direct contact with the dirty, black air pollutants produced by the plant. People with asthma, like my children and father, are directly and negatively impacted by air pollution, leading to increased instances of hospitalization and death. This is a health concern that cannot be ignored.

The larger but more systemic issue

is the contribution of the plant to CO₂ emissions, which is leading to an accelerated rate of global warming. This has implications for health of a global scale. I want + hope for my children what any parent want + hope... a safe and secure environment; one that enables them to thrive. CO₂ emissions threatens this.

PSE has a unique opportunity to shift entirely to renewable energy. The environmentally-minded people of Puget Sound want and NEED this change. Our children deserve this change.

Please consider retiring the remaining boilers. Our future depends on it.

Thank you!

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