

Dear Puget Sound Energy CEO Kimberly Harris,

I am writing to thank you for your initial commitment to retire two of PSE's 4 coal units. I urge you to retire the remaining two units before 2025 and commit to 100 percent renewable energy, with no new natural gas.

I grew up on the South Side of Chicago, in a low-income community that was exposed to environmental toxins with little access to the outdoors. I watched several family members suffer the health implications from pollution and environmental decisions made by big businesses, decisions that caused harm to individuals within the community. After my grandfather passed from cancer that spread to his entire body, that was linked to illegal toxic pollution in our drinking water, I decided to commit myself to a life of fighting environmental injustices. I was 13 at the time.

Through hard work and passion, I put myself through school, earning a Master's in Environmental Law + Policy and have spent the past 8 years fighting polluters and increasing environmental policies to protect the planet and those who are most impacted by pollution and climate change.

My journey has brought me to Seattle. This place, in my opinion, is a mecca of environmental opportunities. The beauty of the natural resources, the economic connections to the beautiful environment, have been inspiring and enlightening. It makes me proud to live in a place where so many people feel connected to environment and are motivated to protect it, a place that is seen as the most progressive in the nation at combating climate change.

That being said, it is disappointing to be a client of PSE, who communicates being a green power source, but actually sources their energy from this dirty source, especially when your ratepayers have demanded independence from fossil fuel and major corporate and government clients have their own commitments to 100% renewables.

As your ratepayer, this issue brings my story full circle. I arrived in Seattle, feeling as though I found ~~the~~ my personal paradise. A place with cleaner air, water, and opportunity than where I started, only to find out, I am facing the same injustices here, as I was inspired to fight in Chicago.

My hope is that you make the right decision to retire Colstrip units 3 and 4 and commit to 100% renewables. Be the green energy leader you continue to claim to be and do the right thing for your ratepayers and our communities.

Thank you for your time,

Jessica Engel