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Seems like the more we reduce electric usage, the more PSE charges per kWh.

PSE should have stopped using coal a long time ago because of its effects on the atmosphere. Costs of decommissioning Colstrip should be absorbed by the corporation under "fines and penalties".

Depreciation of capital assets is not an appropriate expense for raising rates. It is an annual expense on the books, and they don't ask for a rate increase annually because of it.

Please stop these constant unwarranted rate increases.

Thank you for your attention. Stephen and Susan Bennett 2191 Goss Ridge Road, Freeland