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Re: Depreciation acceleration.

At page 12 of Ms. Shelly E. McCoy's testimony, lines 16 – 17, she states: "accelerating depreciation on these facilities will help mitigate future risk from coal facilities on Washington customers." Please explain, in detail, how accelerating the depreciation on the Jim Bridger and Colstrip facilities mitigates "future risk from coal facilities on Washington customers."

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Please refer to the Company's responses to Public Counsel Data Requests 7 through 10. Accelerating depreciation on coal-fueled generation facilities in Washington allows Washington customers to preemptively pay down the costs of these plants, to mitigate the risk of simultaneously incurring costs associated with remaining book values and replacement resource costs if state and federal environmental policies and mandates, including carbon emission regulations, force premature shut-down(s) of these facilities.

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