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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
PO Box 47250  
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Dear Commission Members:

I'm writing on behalf of the City of Tumwater Council. Out of concern about climate change and its subsequent impacts, the City has set goals of reducing our carbon emissions from City operations and throughout our entire community. Because Tumwater is in the PSE service area, which derives much of its power from coal fired power plants, electricity generation is a major source of our emissions. Tumwater is proud to have entered into an agreement to purchase power from the pending Skookumchuck Wind Energy facility in order to reduce emissions from City operations and believe that we are close to our adopted emissions targets for those City operations. The City wants to work with PSE and our community to have that same success in reducing emissions across the community.

The City of Tumwater supports the early closure of Colstrip 1 & 2 and that PSE be authorized to fund this plan as this would help reduce our carbon emissions. Tumwater also supports PSE's efforts to develop renewable energy sources and urge the Commission to authorize PSE the funding to continue this effort. Only by funding and accelerating development of alternative energy sources will we be able to achieve reduced emissions in a reasonable timeframe. Tumwater understands Colstrip 3 & 4 are not scheduled to close until 2035. The City of Tumwater urges the UTC to authorize PSE the funding to explore ways to phase out these plants as soon as feasible prior to 2035.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pete Kmet  
Mayor

Cc: City Council  
Kelsey Hulse, PSE  
Steven King, WUTC Executive Director & Commissioner