

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is the single largest owner of the Colstrip (coal powered) Generating Facility in Eastern Montana. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency consistently ranks this vintage 1975/1985 coal plant as one of the single largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions West of the Mississippi. Informed PSE customers know that coal is a dead end electric power source and must be ended as soon as possible. We now know that coal is too expensive in terms of toxic air pollution, poisonous waste ash, public health costs and planetary greenhouse CO2 emissions. PSE and Washington have better, cheaper, and cleaner alternatives for meeting customers' electricity needs that would in turn bring jobs to Washington. In PSE's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) future electric generation capital investments should be only directed to healthy clean sustainable technology and eliminate increasingly costly antiquated technology such as coal generation plants. PSE customers should not be forced to be burdened with future costs of burning coal. PSE's IRP should include accelerated investment in Demand Side Resources (DSR) such as energy efficiency and customer roof top solar photovoltaic grid waveform enhancing systems.