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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2009 8:01 AM
To: UTC DL Records Center
Subject: I'm a PSE customer and I don't want coal power!

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Jeff Goltz
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Dear Goltz,

Puget Sound Energy should end their use of coal power (Docket # UE-080949). Coal is our dirtiest, most toxic electricity source and, as a Puget Sound Energy (PSE) customer, I do not want coal electricity being used to power my home. In a recent energy plan submitted to the state, Puget Sound Energy declared that they use coal to produce 37% of the energy being used to power my home and that they intend to keep on using coal power for the next 17 years at least. This is a dangerous and financially risky decision which harms the environment, jeopardizes our health and puts undue liability on future electric rates. Relying on coal is financially risky because the true cost of coal is significantly higher than that of cleaner alternatives. Coal pollutes more carbon-dioxide global warming pollution than any other energy

source and is responsible for the vast majority of PSE's global warming

footprint. Coal power produces more economic damage than it provides in revenues. Policies are beginning to account for this massive market failure. The longer PSE holds onto coal, the more liability costs for customers.

In their previous Integrated Resource Plan, PSE determined that "the commercial viability of coal resources has grown highly uncertain... Coal-fired generation poses potential risks to health and human welfare with mercury emissions and it emits twice the CO2 of natural gas-fired generation."

PSE's latest plan continues their reliance on coal power; this is a fiscally irresponsible and morally inexcusable oversight from the decision makers at Puget Sound Energy.

Sincerely,