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To: The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commissioners

Re: Avista's Integrated Resource Plan, docket # UE-161036

From: Lisa Christian, October 27, 2017

Dear Commissioners:

I strongly oppose Avista's plan to continue to obtain 20% of its electricity from coal-fired plants for at least the next 20 years. We know that coal fired plants are a major source of carbon dioxide. In Eastern Washington, our summers are getting hotter and drier, and wildfires are larger and longer. Continuing to use coal-fired electricity despite these patterns and knowledge of the negative impact that carbon dioxide has on our environment, our community, and our health does not make sense.

The only rational for continuing to plan for coal-fired electricity to provide 20% of the electricity that Avista sells to the public appears to be that Avista owns part of the Colstrip coal plant in Montana, and thus has a vested interest in supporting the profits of this plant. .

Avista needs to demonstrate a real commitment to clean energy programs by developing a plan to replace coal-fired energy with clean energy. I do not want the present Integrated Resource Plan to be approved.

Lisa Christian