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Comments re: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission decision on Avista's 20 year plan

I am writing to urge the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to deny Avista's plan to continue to use coal as a source for the electricity they sell to us here in Washington. Using coal to create electricity is such a short-sighted and dangerous plan, at this time in our human history. Coal cannot be made to be "clean"; when burned, it pumps terrible gasses in the air. Those gasses are so harmful to life on our planet. Alternate and renewable sources for creating energy, such as wind and solar, would make so much more sense to encourage in the long run. I do understand that in the short run, the balance sheet of expenses and income may not favor dumping coal as a source. But for sure, it has to be done sometime, and the sooner we commit to other sources, the more the expenses for those sources will come down, and in the mean time, we won't be adding to the carbon dioxide levels that are at already dangerous levels.

The future of life on this planet is what is at stake. Avista needs to join in the efforts to make future life possible. Please do what you can to keep Avista from implementing their plan to continue to burn coal.

Also, the cost of the cleanup from the mining of the coal has not been adequately addressed. Continuing to bring more coal out of the ground is a mistake; we need to start paying for what we have been doing.

Thank you for letting me comment on this issue.

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