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From: christine [mailto:westlandstar@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 5:13 PM
To: Public Involvement (UTC)
Subject: Puget Sound Energy - Colstrip Mine

Dear Sirs,

This is my formal request that you re-consider the environmental impact and study long-term environmental effects of keeping the Colstrip Mine operating for the next 20 years as a source of power.

I live in Birch Bay, WA, where we are opposing the Gateway Pacific Terminal, which is proposing to ship upwards of 54 million tons of coal per year to Asia. The pollutants emitted from burning this coal will come back to the West Coast of North America in a short time. The global climate change disruptions from increasing amounts of CO2 being emitted from burning coal anywhere on earth is already well documented. In fact, the IPCC met recently and determined that burning fossil fuels is the cause of overall global warming, melting ice at the poles, acidification and warming of the ocean waters, which are under normal conditions a heat sink. However the oceans are becoming less and less able to handle the immense amounts of CO2 the human race is pouring into the atmosphere.

Keeping the Colstrip Mine operating for another 20 years is unthinkable. Stockholders in PSE should realize this and pull out their investments unless PSE decides wisely to phase out the mine and switch to cleaner more sustainable options. My husband will soon be reviewing his portfolio with this in mind.

Millions of people's lives and health are at stake with every day the coal powered plants keep operating. Millions know this and scientists from 120 countries are behind this science. PSE could become a leader in sustainable energy if they made choices that are sustainable. It is simply not worth continuing to burn coal as species are destroyed or mutated, and weather patterns lead to more and more devastation.

For the sake of all the local people who live near the Colstrip Mine and for the sake of the future of Homo Sapiens, I urge you to lead us to a better future. Thank you for the opportunity to make my comments.

Respectfully,

Christine Westland
Birch Bay, WA