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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Re: Puget Sound Electric (PSE) Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

As a customer of Puget Sound Energy I am a captive user of coal. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the PSE's Green Power program and am glad to pay a little extra each month to help support clean energy but I am not satisfied. The idea that using a computer to write this letter while an LED bulb lights my desk is causing coal pollution in Montana is upsetting to me. I am an old woman living on a very small income but still I am willing to pay a higher rate for cleaner energy.

Instead of continuing with dirty energy from Colstrip for another 20 years, I want PSE on a coal-reduction diet that will get them to a 100% clean energy supply before those 20 years run out. Colstrip (especially plants one and two) is an outdated, dirty facility that causes numerous problems of various kinds for those living in its vicinity and it does not even make good economic sense. It will become more and more uneconomic as the years go by. Hopefully new federal regulations will soon convince PSE to pull out of Colstrip but I don't want to wait for that possibility.

PSE needs to begin right now to get off the coal train and increase its reliance on renewable, non-destructive energy. Solar and wind power energy generation could create good jobs in Western Washington. Energy efficiency and conservation programs can help us reduce demand at the same time. Both PSE and our state government can do more to promote such programs. In doing so they would not only be encouraging a healthy economy in Washington but also reducing our contribution to the ever-expanding climate crisis.

Please tell PSE that their IRP does not add up. Their continued reliance on coal does not take into account all the externalities coming home to roost. It is not a prudent use of rate payer's dollars.

Thank you,



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