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Subject: Regarding Sale of Colstrip docket # 200115
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Dear UTC Commissioners,

I strongly oppose PSE's sale of Colstrip Unit #4.

I am a rate payer, a parent and fourth generation Washingtonian supporting complete compliance with CETA law by PSE which is my energy utility. As I understand it, PSE intends to sell this polluting coal plant to another company, let it continue to operate, fouling water, land and air, then buy and resell it back to us, the consumers, the rate payers. This is not right.

I also oppose the sale of the transmission lines that supply us with energy from Montana and Wyoming, as these lines will be needed to bring in wind-generated energy. They are an essential asset that we have paid for, essentially held in trust for us, since PSE is the largest investor-owned utility in our state, granted conditional permission to operate on our behalf.

Per Washington law, we are counting on you to consider the social cost of carbon and recognize that selling the Colstrip Unit #4 plant to an out of state company does not align with the intent of the Washington State's CETA law. We are looking to you to protect our interests as energy customers AND as residents vulnerable to the impacts of climate change in terms of wild fire risk, air quality, agricultural production, water access, sea level rise, ocean acidification, habitat and wildlife loss, severe weather events and especially, impacts on the most vulnerable people in our state. This proposal will cause our generation to lose precious time in the race to draw down carbon in the atmosphere.

As I write this to you I am looking out over the Salish Sea but all I see is of pinkish white haze from the West Coast wild fires. My throat is burning, my inhaler at the ready and the AC is on, to filter out the smoke, drawing more electricity, 55% of which is powered by carbon polluting fossil fuels. This does not make sense and will not improve until we have better behavior from our utility. Please do not approve this sale. Once again, it feels like PSE is trying to make us pay for our poison.

Stephanie Barbee

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