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Gentlemen:

As I understand it, today is the *last* day for public comment before you renew your 20-year Integrated Resource Plan as it relates to Puget Sounds partial ownership of the Colstrip Coal Plant in Montana and therefore the continuing power generation from that plant.

I live in Whatcom County. As I understand it, most of the PSE customers receiving electricity get it directly from and because of the Colstrip Coal Strip Plant in Montana. I never knew this before, but now that I do, I cannot state strongly enough how **WRONG** it is to continue providing our power from the dying, dirty coal industry. As one of PSE's customers, we will have to **pay** for the enormous mounting costs of cleaning up the growing toxic coal ash waste ponds resulting from the burning of this coal. The plant emits tons and tons of Nitrous Oxide, Sulfur Dioxide, Coal Ash into waste ponds which leak into groundwater and ruin, perhaps forever, the environment. What a travesty for a nation that is supposed to be the smartest, most advanced and wealthy on earth. I've already written about the CO2 pollution which this very large plant emits, adding huge amounts (equivalent to half the cars in Washington). Our planet is on a pathway of destruction, which will probably devastate our species because of the pollution of the air and oceans we create.

I think PSE customers should have a say in how our money is used to generate electricity. Rather than continuing to burn toxic coal, I urge you to begin to transition to renewable energy sources. There are so many reasons why this is the best idea, the least of which is money from my pocketbook being used to clean up a dangerous and toxic coal plant and it's waste. I, personally, do not want to spend my money this way. I would rather not have electricity, if this is the way I can get it.

Change the way you do business and I believe you will profit enormously in the future.

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