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Gentlemen:

As a resident of Birch Bay in beautiful Whatcom county, I am concerned with the continuing use of coal from the Colstrip coal plant in Montana. I am aware of the rationale behind the decision to partially rely on this toxic and dirty fossil fuel for the near term. However, although necessity may play a part of the continuing use of coal from Montana (or anywhere else for that matter) the results of doing so remain catastrophic for our planet. While PSE pays lip service to the desire to eliminate coal as a means of producing electricity, it seems to me that no one wants to put the bell around the cat's neck and step forward to denounce the coal industry in clear and unmistakable terms. I encourage you to have the moral courage to issue a public statement condemning the coal industry as greedy, driven by the profit motive, completely oblivious to the proven negative impact burning coal has on the environment. Perhaps we are forced at present to use coal, but let's at least call a spade a spade and publicly admit that the coal industry is responsible for much death and suffering. It is a dying industry and PSE should publicly take part in hastening its demise.

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