

I am concerned that Avista's IRP doesn't adequately address the impact that climate change has and will have on low income ratepayers. Specifically in regards to Colstrip.

Colstrip is the largest climate polluter in the American West and will require millions of dollars to clean up once it is shut down. Right now there is no mention in the IRP of Colstrip cleanup or how Avista intends to address this enormous expense.

As a ratepayer I would like to see some accountability placed on the shareholders for cleanup costs as I don't believe it should fall to ratepayers through higher utility bills.

In Spokane and all over the region, we've seen our winter and summer temperatures intensify and lengthen which places a huge burden on low income ratepayers as they are forced to use more energy to heat and cool their homes year round. I am worried that staying in Colstrip for another 20 years will only make this worse.

I had hoped to see mention of weatherization programs targeting low income households and more emphasis on renewable energy in this IRP and am disappointed that Avista's twenty year plan doesn't seem to take any of that into account.

I believe that the IRP should be a plan that takes us into the future with more focus on mitigating the effects of climate change through renewable energy sources and eventually working toward a carbon free utility. I hope our comments will encourage Avista to think outside the box and work toward creating a more climate friendly future for its ratepayers.

Thank you,

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