

State of  
Washington  
House of  
Representatives



July 18, 2017

Kimberly Harris, CEO  
Puget Sound Energy

RE: Colstrip Coal Plant

Dear Puget Sound Energy CEO Kimberly Harris:

Thank you for committing to retire the two most toxic boilers at the Colstrip coal plant. This decision is a tremendous victory for our climate, and we commend PSE for its leadership in moving the Northwest beyond coal. However, the job is not done. It is extremely urgent for PSE to retire the remaining two units—Units 3 and 4—no later than 2025.

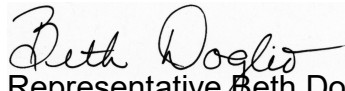
Why 2025? There are three key reasons why PSE must get off coal by 2025:

1. King County's Strategic Climate Action Plan calls on the county to "phase out coal-fired electricity" by 2025. The County Council has formally adopted the plan, and 13 King County mayors have signed the agreement. That means that half of PSE's customer base is committed to getting off coal by 2025. The County cannot achieve its targets unless PSE makes the responsible choice to retire Colstrip Units 3 and 4.
2. The owner of the Rosebud coal mine, the sole source of coal for the Colstrip coal plant, predicts that Rosebud will run out of coal in currently mined areas by the end of 2024. If PSE continues to operate Colstrip past 2025, it will likely facilitate an unlawful expansion of the mine, which has already destroyed thousands of acres of pristine habitat, severely disrupted the aquifer, and heavily polluted the groundwater in Colstrip.
3. With fossil executives in power at the federal level and President Trump withdrawing from the Paris Accord, this is the moment for strong state-based leadership on climate change. As Washington's largest electric utility, Puget

Sound Energy has a particular responsibility to lead the way. Retiring Colstrip is the single most important step that Washington can take to act on climate. The first compliance deadline for the Paris Accord is December 31, 2024.

Puget Sound Energy has the power to make Washington a national leader on climate by retiring Colstrip no later than 2025. That is why it is vital that PSE move quickly to formalize the retirement of Colstrip Units 3 and 4.

Sincerely,

  
Representative Beth Doglio  
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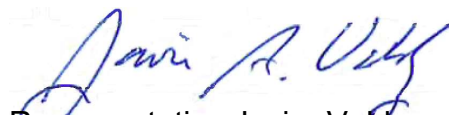
  
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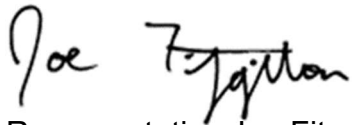
  
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