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Hello,

I would like to comment on the Draft of the Northwest Power Plan.

While I approve of the emphasis on renewable energy in the mix, it seems skewed to plan to use coal as a major piece of the new energy to be developed by 2010. It seems that emissions were not used as an assumption of total energy costs. While it may be difficult to quantify, certainly the numbers are available.

With the release of the West Coast Governor's Global Warming Initiative Staff Recommendations released on 11/18/04

(<http://www.governor.wa.gov/globalwarming/wcggwi1104report.pdf>), there is a big move in the west to track carbon emissions. We should capture this more effectively in the Power Plan to keep the Northwest on the cutting edge.

As well, Puget Sound Energy was able to capture the true costs of energy when choosing to buy their first wind generation plant, noting that wind energy is becoming less expensive than both coal-fired power and natural gas. According to the November 2004 issue of the Sustainable Industries Journal, "In its recently completed integrated resource plan, the utility estimates wind energy to be 25% cheaper than natural gas fired power and 5% cheaper than coal-fired power." With these numbers, it only seems reasonable to develop the wind infrastructure and generation facilities BEFORE coal-fired generation.

Thank you for your time.

Ali Gartlan