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August 25, 2016

TO: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC)
FR: ETIC staff
RE: Colstrip Draft Legislation Public Comment

During the July ETIC meeting, the committee requested draft legislation to assist the state of Montana in planning for the pending partial closure of the facilities. Staff was directed to work with committee member Sen. Duane Ankney, R-Colstrip, on the proposals and post those proposals for public comment. The result was the development of seven bill drafts for consideration including:

- LC COL1 - - Appropriate money to allow Montana to participate in proceedings before out-of-state utility commissions that address planning for the future of coal-fired generation facilities located in Montana.
- LC COL2 - Establish the Coal-Fired Generating Unit Decommissioning and Remediation Act and provide requirements for submission, review, modification, and approval of a decommissioning and remediation plan for a coal-fired generating unit and affected property.
- LC COL3 - Establish the Treasure State Restore and Rebuild Act by appropriating $50 million from the coal severance tax permanent fund to the Department of Commerce to provide grants to entities (local governments, schools, etc.) impacted by the closure of a natural resource business.
- LC COL4 - - Increase the electrical energy producer's license tax from $.0002 to $.00029 for the next 25 years to generate $50 million and require that the increase be deposited in the coal severance tax permanent fund.
- LC COL5 - Establish the Montana Energy Accountability Act and require an electrical company, wholesale exempt generator, or a public utility that retires a coal-fired generating unit to pay a coal-county impact fee for 10 years following closure of the unit or units. The money is provided to entities (local governments, schools, etc.) impacted by the closure of the unit.
- LC COL6 - Establish a benefits and retirement security task force in the Governor's Office.
- LC COL7 - - Allow Universal System Benefits money to be used by large electricity customers to assist with transitioning energy markets.

The legislation was out for public comment from July 29 to August 25. A request for comment was posted on the ETIC Listserv and notice was sent in a news release. The ETIC received hundreds of form letters and comments on the legislation. Because of the volume of public

comments they are not included in the mailing. If you would like hard copies, let me know. All public comment received is posted on the ETIC Website at www.leg.mt.gov/etic.

The comments were very diverse. Concerns were raised about the costs in the legislation, and the costs being passed on to Montana consumers. Requests were made to focus on less regulation to keep energy costs down. Other comments asked the ETIC to do all they could to assist with the county and state economy. Comments about climate change in general and the use of a PRISM Demonstration Reactor in Colstrip were also received.

Specific to LC COL3 and LC COL5, concerns were raised about the definition of local governments and that certain districts were excluded. The Montana Association of Counties also provided very specific comments on the language in the bill and offered multiple suggestions for improving LC COL5 in regard to accounting for the proposed coal impact fee and ensuring it is directed to the proper entities. Specifically, information was provided on how to update the language as it relates to property tax limitations and mill levies. DEQ provided specific proposed amendments to LC COL2.

Several letters received stated that the future of energy in Montana is renewables. Cleanup efforts were encouraged, with specific attention to water resources, however, comments specific to LC COL2 were not provided. Opposition to "busting" the coal tax trust was also stated in the comments, and the committee was advised to look at interest earnings, bonding, or other funding sources.

Comments were made that legislation should include all communities and all natural resources, regardless of size or industry. The committee was encouraged to authorize a task force to determine the impacts to the communities affected and how the state can assist.

Staff will provide an overview of the comments during the meeting, but at this time staff has not been able to fully review all the comments received.

During the September meeting, the ETIC will need to determine if changes should be made to the draft legislation. The ETIC then can determine whether to bring the draft legislation before the 2017 Legislature.

Sonja Nowakowski

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To: Sonja Nowakowski
From Jim Atchison, SEMDC
Date: August 25, 2016
RE: Colstrip Bill Drafts - Public Comment

As the Executive Director of Southeastern Montana Development (SEMDC), I would like to express some comments concerning the seven (7) Bill Drafts related to Coal and the proposed Colstrip Units #1 and #2 Closures.

SEMDC is a regional non-profit economic development group that was established in 1997 to simulate and encourage economic activity in the four (4) Counties of **Custer, Powder River, Rosebud and Treasure**. Today, SEMDC continues to work with the private, public and non-profit sectors to help create and retain jobs in these four counties. Our track record has documented over 1,007 jobs created or retained and nearly $37 million dollars in project assistance since 1997. SEMDC has been designated by the State of Montana as a Certified Regional Development Corporation (CRDC) and the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) as an Economic Development District.

As you know, Rosebud County is a coal-dependent community. For example, roughly 80% of the 2,300 households in Colstrip depend on a job either at the power plants or mines. Hundreds more are in-directly employed because of the energy industry throughout eastern Montana.

I would like to thank the Montana Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee for their effort and support on this most sensitive and overwhelming issue for Coal and Colstrip.

I realize that this is only the first step in a long journey, but I appreciate the pro-active steps taken on these Bill Drafts. I know the details will be changed many times but as an economic development professional, I have heard basically four (4) concerns / comments from the good and hard working people of Colstrip and Coal Country:

1) How Secure is my Job and Family Income?
2) What about the Future Value of my Home?
3) Will I have Water Access and can I pay the Cost and
4) Why?

Thanks for the opportunity to make public comments on these issues. It's unfortunate that this is occurring, as in my opinion, it makes No Economic Sense at All, but I certainly appreciate your efforts.

As a member of the Colstrip community, a resident of Coal Country and supporter of the state-wide Coal Economy, I plan to do what ever is possible to make Lemonade out of this Lemon Situation.

Thanks again,

Jim Atchison
Executive Director

Rep. Keith Regier, Chairman
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Chairman Regier and Members of the Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee,

The NW Energy Coalition submits the following comments regarding LC COL 7 – Revise USB laws to allow large customers to pay for transitioning energy markets.

While understanding the need for certain large customers to seek power contracts to eventually replace power from Colstrip Units 1 and 2 upon their retirement, the NW Energy Coalition believes that allowing large customers to use USB funds to achieve this purpose undermines the fundamental reason for the existence of the Universal System Benefits program.

The intent of the Universal System Benefit program – as indicated by the name – is for funds to be used to achieve universal benefits across the electric system. Universal benefits inherently mean that expenditures made through the use of these funds provide benefits to all users of the system, not just to those who make the expenditure.

Energy efficiency, for example, is one of the public purposes explicitly legislated to be allowed under USB because investments in energy efficiency reduce long-term costs for every user. Regardless of the entity that uses less energy, all users of a utility's grid benefit by delaying or even eliminating the need for a utility to build costly power plants. Funding for low-income programs also reduce costs for all users by reducing energy use (weatherization), as well as costs related to collection and arrears.

We fail to see how utilizing USB funds to purchase power through new contracts provides a universal benefit – a benefit to everyone on the grid. Rather, a statute change allowing large customers to pay for new power contracts benefits only those large customers and should not be allowed under USB.

We encourage large customers to utilize USB funds to their greatest ability to make long-lasting, universally benefiting investments in energy efficiency. The less energy large customers utilize upon expiration of their current contracts, the less money they will need to spend in "transitioning energy markets." Furthermore, large customers already have the ability to self-direct their funds as well as it pool it with other large customers in order to make larger investments in energy efficiency.

Lastly, there have been questions raised over the last several years about large customers' ability to self-direct. The 2015 legislature increased reporting requirements due to concerns over where USB funds were actually being spent by self-directing large customers. Increasing the scope of large customer self-direction seems unwarranted at this time and could further complicate reporting and compliance with the USB statute.

For the reasons outlined above, the NW Energy Coalition opposes LC COL 7.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Chairman Regier,

Talen Montana LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Talen Energy Corporation, would like to again thank the Committee for the opportunity to appear and to discuss the operation of the Colstrip Steam Electric Station on July 14, 2016. From our perspective, the exchange was valuable. We intend to continue to be engaged in the dialogue and therefore are providing comments on the Colstrip Legislative Proposals coming from the Committee.

For more than a year, there has been ongoing discussion and speculation related to the continued operation of Colstrip. Talen Montana's position has remained consistent. We are open to working with any and all Colstrip stakeholders to create a good outcome for employees, customers and the community.

Talen Montana has reviewed the proposed legislation and expects to be an active participant in the process. Although premature to address specific aspects of the individual bills, Talen Montana encourages the Committee to be cognizant of potential unintended consequences from bills that create a perception that Montana will look to "punish" businesses facing challenges to sustaining unprofitable or struggling operations.

The legislature's decision to reverse course in regards to Montana's competitive electricity markets, reducing a functioning marketplace, and adoption of renewable portfolio standards are contributing factors to the financial struggles Colstrip is currently experiencing. An independent power producer such as Talen Montana, has no captive customers from whom to recover costs and capital investments, must have a functioning market to stay in business. Talen Montana is the only Colstrip owner that is not a regulated utility.

We do agree that individuals, employees, families and communities need support in times of transition. Talen Montana will meet all of its existing obligations to its employees. But this support cannot be at the expense of the state's economy if Montana enacts legislation that is perceived as "anti-business."

In the coming months, Talen Montana representatives will continue to monitor the development of the proposed legislation and provide more comprehensive comments and/or testimony based on our analysis of the impact of any legislation to our operations.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Baker

General Manager – Talen Montana, LLC

Nowakowski, Sonja

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Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 10:45 AM
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Cc: Zolnikov, Daniel (Rep); Jim Atchison (jatchison@semdc.org)
Subject: FW: Letter
Attachments: Letter re Proposed Colstrip Leg. Proposals.pdf

Sonja,

My apologies getting these comments to you late in the process. I'm hopeful that these ideas are helpful as the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee works on this issue next week.

Do let me know if there are questions I can address.

Respectfully,

Steve

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Dear Chairman Regier and Members,

RE: Initial Comments for the Proposed Colstrip Legislative Proposals

First, thank you Interim Committee members for your thoughtful consideration of the host of issues now facing the community of Colstrip and our regional economy. Big Sky Economic Development has actively maintained a strong partnership with Colstrip as we are tied together economically, and in recognition of the fact that the closure of Units 1 and 2 will have a direct impact on the Billings business community as well. We are in this together; in fact, the entire state has a stake in these issues.

It is in that sense of partnership that we offer these comments regarding the Colstrip Legislative Proposals. First a general comment:

Montana needs an energy plan that sustains and attracts new business and industry--With the closure of Colstrip Units 1 and 2, and the previous closure of the Corette coal-fired power plant in Billings, Montana has lost and is losing affordable, reliable base-load power. This is power that makes economic activity and job retention and creation throughout the state possible — data centers in Missoula, manufacturing in Butte, refineries in Great Falls and Billings, and every major power user across Montana. Without a long-term game plan for affordable, reliable power, we are telling many of our leading businesses that they have to shop for power on their own. "You're on your own" is not an effective strategy to retain and attract business and industry in Montana.

We encourage the Legislature to pursue a strategy that plans for our current and future energy needs (including large-load uses) in partnership with major industry, NorthWestern Energy and Montana's Public Service Commission. This is critical to our state's economic development and job creation.

Montana needs to partner in research and technology investments—Other states in our region (Wyoming and North Dakota) are investing dollars in key infrastructure that can support the continued development and use of natural resources. Wyoming has established the Wyoming Infrastructure

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Authority (www.wyia.org) for the purpose of funding projects and research that provides the technology and infrastructure needed to support the future use of coal and other natural resources in new and smarter ways. It's all about discovering innovative ways to produce power for business.

We encourage the Legislature to evaluate options to establish regional partnerships for research and investments in new technology and infrastructure related to power generation from coal and other sources. The coal severance tax fund would be a source for initiating these partnerships and investments, as new technology could drive new and improved uses of our coal resources.

Local communities need the State's support in developing and implementing "regional economic development strategies"—Colstrip will be directly impacted by the pending closure of Units 1 and 2, and other communities in the region will be impacted as well—Roundup, tribal nations, Billings, and many more. Big Sky Economic Development recently joined with Southeastern Montana Development Corporation, Snowy Mountain Development, and Beartooth RC&D to discuss our mutual interests in the pending economic impacts to our region. This meeting was hosted in Colstrip (June 29th) and highlighted our need to focus on solutions from a regional perspective as our economic interests are very much connected. Together we need to seek solutions to power generation for industry, new and diverse economic development opportunities, and regional workforce development needs.

We encourage the Legislature to support regional economic development planning and implementation—focused on identifying new opportunities for private investment and job growth and workforce development unique to our regional needs. Funding from the State for these efforts is essential.

Conclusion--Big Sky Economic Development is prepared to advocate for and support legislation that will: 1) ensure a long-term energy plan for Montana industry; 2) seek to partner and make investments in new technology and infrastructure for the effective use of our natural resources; and 3) support the development and execution of economic development strategies and workforce development plans on a regional basis.

I'm unable to attend the Committee's September 8-9 meeting, but please feel free to contact me ahead of time or for follow-up. We look forward to working with the Committee and our partners from throughout the state that will be impacted by the decisions on Colstrip Units 1 and 2.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Arveschoug
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CC: BSED Board of Directors
Jim Atchison, SEMDC

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From: Brent Jones <bjones@aspenaircorp.com>
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To: LEG Response
Subject: Re: COLSTRIP
Attachments: 08.16 - COlstrip Legislation Comments.pdf

Hello Sonja:

Please Find Aspen Air U.S. Corp's response to the legislation proposed in relation to the Colstrip retirement.

Thank you,

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Re: Colstrip

To Whom It May Concern:

Aspen Air U.S. Corp (Aspen) has a production facility in Billings, Montana that manufactures industrial gases (Nitrogen, Oxygen and Argon) for sale to large users such as Hospitals, Mines, Refineries and Oilfield consumers for the drilling, completion and production of Oil and Gas Wells. When all of our operations are working we consume over 7 Mega Watts of Power. As such we are one of the larger consumers of Power in the State of Montana.

From this perspective we would like to comment on two of the proposed legislations related to the Colstrip retirement.

LCCOL4 – Aspen can in no way support this increase since it will simply be passed on to Aspen which will increase our production costs. In a competitive environment such as ours we are unlikely to be able to pass this cost on to our customers. For this Montana based business this surcharge would make us less competitive than our out of state competitors that do not have the same cost.

LCCOL5 – Aspen does not support a tax that is punitive on a business without operations to pay such a tax. While it is not our industry we cannot support such a provision that could be applied to an operation such as our own in the future once the precedent is set.

If there are any concerns please contact the undersigned or Brent Jones at 403-720-3602.

Yours truly,

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Subject: Colstrip
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Sonja,

Attached is a letter with comments pertaining to the draft legislation contained in LC COL's 1-7.

Thank you.

Jason Rittal

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August 25, 2016

Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee
C/O Sonja Nowakowski, ETIC staff

VIA EMAIL: legresponse@mt.gov

Chairman Reiger, Vice-Chair Larsen, Senators Ankney, Connell, Driscoll and Representatives Pope, Steenberg and Zolnikov:

Thank you for your foresight in preparing the draft legislation contained in LC COL1-7. The comments below are my opinions based on my understanding of the economic impacts that the closure of coal-fired generating units will have not only just on Colstrip but on the State of Montana. Please allow me to reserve the right to change positions if, at any point, the legislation is amended or if the Fallon County Commission is in disagreement with my assessment.

LC COL 1: Support - Agencies outside the State of Montana are making decisions that will impact the economic health of our state without our participation. At the very least we need to have a voice in the room.

LC COL 2: No Comments at this time

LC COL 3: Support concept – The Coal Severance Trust was developed (in my opinion) for just this occurrence. The suggested changes/discussion would include further analysis of the appropriate agency/method to distribute the funds. For instance, the Coal Board has been a good method in the past for just this task and something similar could be specified. Also, limiting the workforce training funds to primary sector may, in this instance, be too constraining. Any good paying job in a community in economic crisis, no matter where sales may occur by the company, should be welcomed and if training is necessary assistance should be available.

LC COL 4: Support all producers being treated equally – The concept of putting all energy producers on a level playing field for taxes seems to make sense, but the increase in the rate may warrant further debate depending upon the economics. Clearly this bill is in place to make the Coal Trust whole in response to the appropriation in LC COL 3. The question at hand is whether or not that would occur without the rate increase and what the intended future use of those funds were when the Trust was

created. If it was created for this type of occurrence, why are we increasing taxes as a result of using a very small percentage?

LC COL5: Support Concept – Clearly communities that are impacted or face an economic loss of this magnitude need assistance. In this instance a community is being impacted by a particular industry/owner that is located out of state and has benefited from Montana resources and now wishes to abandon the community and state from which those resources were taken. Reactionary statute is always dicey but something must be done and this bill certainly will give impacted communities time to recover.

LC COL6: **No comment at this time.**

LC COL7: **Support** – The impacts to Montana's economy from the closure of coal-fired generation will be significant and if this helps to lessen the secondary fallout then it should be considered. The program already exists so it seems that this concept makes perfect sense.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration of my comments. I realize that the legislation is in early draft form and each and every one will probably be amended in some manner. I do believe that each has merit for further debate and should be brought forward in some form to the 2017 session. Fallon County will be very interested in weighing in at that time as we stand with our energy producing neighbors.

Respectfully,

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From John N. Williams, Mayor for City of Colstrip

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August 24, 2016

RE: Colstrip

Dear Sonja,

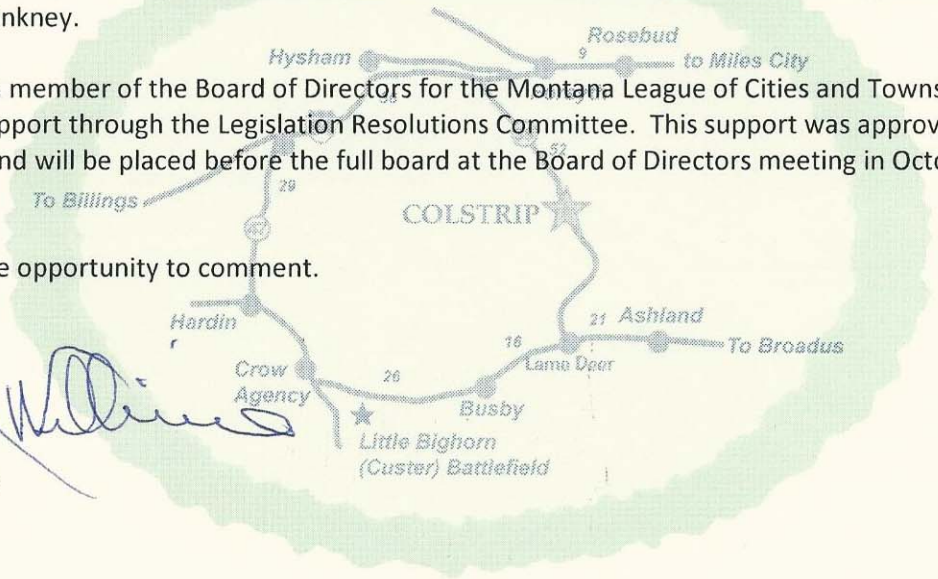
This email is to advise the Energy and Telecommunication Interim Committee the city of Colstrip is in support of legislation being prepared to address the plant owners responsibility to the workers and the community of Colstrip. I have passed on my specific comments regarding the proposed legislation to Senator Duane Ankney.

Additionally, as a member of the Board of Directors for the Montana League of Cities and Towns, I have solicited their support through the Legislation Resolutions Committee. This support was approved by the committee and will be placed before the full board at the Board of Directors meeting in October for its action.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

John N. Williams
Mayor



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August 24, 2016

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Dear Ms. Nowakowski,

Please accept these comments on behalf of Montana Audubon on the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee's (ETIC) draft legislation on Colstrip issues, LC COL1 through LC COL7.

Montana Audubon is the coordinating entity for the nine Audubon Society Chapters in Montana. Currently there are approximately 5,600 Audubon members in the state. Although our membership is diverse, there is a consistent deep concern about the impacts of global climate change on people, as well as wildlife. Promoting sustainable renewable energy sources is an important way to address climate change. You may receive comments from other members of the Society.

We have the following specific comments on the bills proposed by ETIC to address Colstrip and other natural resource issues:

1. LC COL1 – As we understand it, this bill would appropriate $100,000 to allow the Governor and the Attorney General of Montana to participate in proceedings before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission related to a January 17, 2017 filing deadline by Puget Sound Energy which may impact Colstrip Units in Montana. At this time, Montana Audubon has no opinion on this draft legislation.

2. LC COL2 – This bill would establish a new condition on coal-fired generating units by giving the Montana Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) authority to review, modify, and approve of a decommissioning and remediation plan for a coal-fired generating unit and its affected property. Our specific comments on this proposed legislation:

   - Montana Audubon supports the bill's provision that requires the owners of a coal-fired generating unit to outline the ownership of water rights and associated infrastructure. It is especially important that the companies who own the Colstrip units give this information to the state and the Colstrip community.

     The Colstrip community and surrounding area need a perpetual source of clean water. Because the surface water and groundwater in the Colstrip area have been polluted, the Colstrip plants and the community rely on water pumped from the Yellowstone River, 30 miles away. If Colstrip units are shut down, clean

water needs to be provided in perpetuity to the community (This might require separating a jointly-held water right. It may also require resizing the pipe carrying the water because the current pipe is too large to serve the water needs of the community and units 3 and 4 (if units 1 and 2 are shut down). In addition, money will need to be set aside to cover the long-term costs of pumping water from the Yellowstone to the community and surrounding area).

- This bill was evidently inspired by ASARCO and the lawsuits that transpired to get the area around Butte and Anaconda cleaned up. It is our understanding that one of the bill's purposes is to try to avoid lawsuits in order to adequately clean up areas that have significant pollution. While that logic may sound reasonable, the ASARCO lawsuits allowed the state of Montana to hire technical experts on many aspects of the environmental cleanup (size of contamination, treatment options, etc.). Expecting DEQ to have this level of state-of-the-art expertise, as staff review and approve a decommissioning and remediation plan, seems unrealistic. Cleanup of the surface and ground water, soils, native vegetation, and other aspects of Colstrip is going to be a complicated project that needs resources that the state of Montana probably does not have at its disposal. For this reason, it makes more sense to allow the state of Montana to pursue a lawsuit (or lawsuits) that will allow the state of pay for the necessary technical experts it needs, as well as for environmental cleanup. Therefore, we recommend that this legislation not be introduced at the Montana Legislature.

3. LC COL3 – This bill appropriates $50 million from the coal severance tax permanent fund to the Department of Commerce to provide grants to entities (local governments, schools, etc.) impacted by the closure of a natural resource businesses. We do not support using funds from the permanent Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund to assist in these transitions. This fund was created to provide a long-term benefit to all Montanans for the development of finite coal resources. Any legislation that would "bust the trust" would provide short-term gain at the expense of innumerable long-term benefits. Therefore, we recommend that this legislation as written not be introduced at the Montana Legislature.

4. LC COL4 – This bill would increase the electrical energy producer's license tax from $.0002 to $.00029 (increased by almost 1/3) for the next 25 years to generate $50 million for the coal severance tax permanent fund. This tax would be placed on current coal fired power plants, wind farms, commercial solar farms, hydroelectric facilities, natural gas plants, etc. It is our understanding that this tax increase would likely make Montana's renewable energy less competitive in out-of-state markets. It does not make sense to make Montana's renewable resources less competitive at this time of transition. Therefore, we recommend that this legislation not be introduced at the Montana Legislature.

5. LC COL5 – This legislation is very similar to SB 402 introduced before the 2015 Montana Legislature. We opposed SB 402—and we urge ETIC members to vote against LC COL5.

6. LC COL6 – This bill establishes a task force in the Governor's office to look at the benefits and retirement systems in place for natural resource industry workers involved with businesses that operate in Montana that decide to leave the state or are forced into bankruptcy. The purpose of this legislation makes sense. We encourage ETIC members to forward this bill to the 2017 Montana Legislature.

7. LC COL7 – This bill allows large customer USB money to be used to assist with 'transitioning energy markets'. It is our understanding that these companies currently get to self-direct where this money goes and that they are supposed to invest the money in energy efficiency measures. LC COL7 allows these companies to help pay their power bills and not give anyone any proof that company power bills rates have increased because of the closure of a coal-fired generating unit. We urge ETIC members to support the current USB program and oppose this legislation as proposed.

In drafting legislation for the 2017 Montana Legislature, we would encourage ETIC members to:

- Develop legislation to encourage use of Colstrip transmission lines to transmit renewable energy from projects being proposed in the area (wind, geothermal, compressed air, etc.);
- Develop legislation to help affected workers get job preferences for decommissioning and reclamation jobs, training and education for new employment opportunities, and take advantage of similar opportunities that workers traditionally are offered in a transitioning economy;
- Develop legislation that directly addresses and alleviates verifiable economic losses experience by affected workers and the communities involved; and
- Support the establishments of a task force to explore opportunities for mortgage assistance and relief for affected workers.

In conclusion, we encourage ETIC members to vote to endorse one piece of draft legislation (LC COL 6), and reject 5 pieces of legislation (LC COL2, LC COL3, CL COL4, LC COL5, and LC COL7). We are neutral on ETIC member endorsement of LC COL1.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed legislation. Please contact me if you have questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

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Re: MDEQ comments on LC COL2

Dear Ms. Nowakowski:

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the bill designated "An Act establishing "The Coal-Fired Generating Unit Decommissioning and Remediation Act."" Enclosed please find a redline version of the bill with DEQ comments and suggestions. The comments and suggestions are meant to help clarify and improve the bill but, if incorporated, do not necessary indicate DEQ's support of the bill. DEQ will continue to monitor the bill's progress and provide information and assistance as needed. Please feel free to contact me or my staff if you have any questions regarding the comments.

Sincerely,

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cc: Aimee Reynolds, Risk Remediation Section

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**** Bill No. ****

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By Request of the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act establishing "The Coal-Fired Generating Unit Decommissioning and Remediation Act"; providing findings and intent; defining terms; establishing requirements for submission, review, modification, and approval of a decommissioning and remediation plan; granting the board of environmental review rulemaking authority; establishing a fee for the filing of decommissioning and remediation plans; requiring the department to enforce and administer the provisions of a plan; establishing the degree of cleanup and remediation required at the site where a coal-fired generating unit is decommissioned; requiring financial assurances for cleanup and remediation; establishing civil penalties and enforcement for failure to decommission and remediate a coal-fired generating unit in accordance with an approved plan; establishing a hearings and appeal process for a person whose interests are adversely affected by a final decision of the department to approve, modify, or disapprove a plan; establishing venue for a challenge to the plan; establishing a hearings and appeal process for an operator challenging an

Comment [A1]: Since the Board typically has little involvement with remediation, the potential for inconsistency with other remediation rules exists.

enforcement action or order; establishing venue for a challenge to the action or order; amending sections 75-1-1001 and 75-25-101, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date and a retroactive applicability date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Short-title.** [Sections 1 through 12] may be cited as "The Coal-Fired Generating Unit Decommissioning and Remediation Act".

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Intent -- findings -- policy and purpose.** (1) The legislature, mindful of its constitutional obligations under Article II, section 3, and Article IX of the Montana constitution, has enacted the Coal-Fired Generating Unit Decommissioning and Remediation Act. It is the legislature's intent that the requirements of [sections 1 through 12] provide adequate remedies after the retirement of coal-fired generating units for the protection of the environmental life support system from degradation and provide adequate remedies to prevent unreasonable degradation of natural resources.

(2) It is the purpose of [sections 1 through 12] to:

(a) vest in the department of environmental quality the authority to review, approve, modify, or disapprove coal-fired generating unit decommissioning and remediation plans

and to exercise general administration and enforcement of [sections 1 through 12];

(b) ensure that adequate information is available to the public concerning the retirement, decommissioning, and remediation of coal-fired generating units;

(c) preserve natural resources;

(d) protect and perpetuate the taxable value of property through remediation; and

(e) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of this state.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Definitions.** As used in [sections 1 through 12], the following definitions apply:

(1)(a) "Affected property" means the surface area or subsurface area affected by a coal-fired generating unit, including:

(i) land, ~~or water~~ surface water or groundwater directly affected by a coal-fired generating unit, associated impoundments, disposal and waste operations, buildings, structures, or other improvements or operations infrastructure; and

(ii) ~~all~~ areas affected by activities necessary and incidental to the decommissioning and remediation of the coal-fired generating unit.

(b) The term does not include land or water potentially

affected by:

(i) changes in climate resulting from the emission of greenhouse gases from the coal-fired generating unit; or

(ii) the mining of coal at an underground or strip mine regulated in accordance with Title 82, chapter 4, and used at a coal-fired generating unit.

(2) "Board" means the board of environmental review provided for in 2-15-3502.

(3) "Coal-fired generating unit" means an individual unit of a coal-fired electrical generating facility located in Montana, where the unit has a generating capacity that is greater than or equal to 200 megawatts. ~~It includes all of the premises, facilities, roads, and equipment used in the process of generating electricity at the unit.~~

(4) "Decommissioning" means the process undertaken after a coal-fired generating unit is retired to ensure that the decontamination, dismantlement, removal, and disposal of the unit, including the unit itself and affected property and any related components and materials associated with the unit and affected property, are accomplished in compliance with [sections 1 through 12] and any other state or federal requirements.

(5) "Department" means the department of environmental quality provided for in 2-15-3501.

(6) "Operator" means the person ~~or company~~ engaged

Comment [A2]: Should "Owner" also be defined.

in operating or decommissioning a coal-fired generating unit.

~~(6)~~(7) "Person" means a person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity or any political subdivision or agency of the state or federal government.

~~(7)~~(8) "Remediation" means all notification, investigation, administration, monitoring, cleanup, restoration, mitigation, abatement, removal, replacement, acquisition, enforcement, legal action, health studies, feasibility studies, and other actions necessary or appropriate to ~~prepare a site where a coal-fired generating unit is located and affected property for reasonably anticipated future uses following the retirement of a coal-fired generating unit~~achieve the degree of cleanup required under [Section 10].

~~(8)~~(9) "Reasonably anticipated future uses" means likely future land or resource uses that take into consideration:

(a) local land and resource use regulations, ordinances, restrictions, or covenants;

(b) historical and anticipated uses of a site where a coal- fired generating unit is located;

(c) patterns of development in the immediate area; and

(d) relevant indications of anticipated land use from the operator, owner or owners, or both of the coal-fired generating unit and local planning officials.

~~(9)~~(10) "Retired" or "retire" means the complete and permanent closure of a coal-fired generating unit. Retirement occurs on the date that the coal-fired generating unit ceases combustion of fuel and permanently ceases to generate electricity.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Decommissioning and remediation plan required.** (1) ~~Prior to decommissioning a coal-fired generating unit, the operator of a coal-fired generating unit shall file with the department a decommissioning and remediation plan.~~Except as provided in 2(b), an operator that retires a coal-fired generating unit shall submit a decommissioning and retirement plan pursuant to [Section 7] and decommission and remediate the coal-fired generating unit in accordance with the approved plan.

~~(2)(a) [Sections 1 through 12] do not prohibit an operator or owner of a coal fired generating unit from retiring a coal- fired generating unit.~~

(2)(a)[Sections 1 through 12] do not absolve an operator, owner or owners, or both of a coal-fired generating unit from any other liability, settlement, or penalty for decommissioning~~,~~ and remediation~~, or restoration~~ of a coal-fired generating unit and affected land.

(b) If a change in ~~operation~~ the operator of a coal-fired generating unit occurs as a result of the sale, assignment, or

other transfer of ownership or operation at the coal-fired generating unit after retirement but before completion of decommissioning, the new operator at the time of decommissioning of the coal-fired generating unit is subject to the requirements of [sections 1 through 12].

NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Actions -- general provisions.** [Sections 1 through 12] do not preclude or prohibit the department from exercising its authority to enforce or require ~~remedial actions~~remediation, if determined necessary, at a coal-fired generating unit or affected property in accordance with Title 75, chapter 10, part 6 or 7, any consent ~~decree~~ order or settlement entered into by the department and the operator, owner or owners, or both, or any other environmental enforcement action undertaken by the department and authorized by Title 75.

NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Powers, duties, and functions.** (1) The department shall:

(a) review a proposed coal-fired generating unit decommissioning and remediation plan and prepare an environmental review document pursuant to the requirements of the Montana Environmental Policy Act provided in Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 through 3;

(b) approve, modify, or disapprove a coal-fired

generating unit decommissioning and remediation plan;

(c) modify a coal-fired generating unit decommissioning and remediation plan only in accordance with the provisions of [section 9];

(d) make investigations or inspections that are considered necessary to ensure compliance with any provision of [sections 1 through 12] in accordance with [section 8(3)]; and

(e) enforce and administer the provisions of a coal-fired generating unit decommissioning and remediation plan and issue orders necessary to implement the provisions of [sections 1 through 12].

(2) The board shall:

(a) adopt rules that pertain to coal-fired generating unit decommissioning and remediation plans and plan enforcement in order to accomplish the purposes of [sections 1 through 12]; and

(b) conduct hearings and, for the purposes of conducting those hearings, administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel attendance of witnesses, hear evidence, and require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, agreements, documents, or other records relevant or material to the inquiry.

(3) Before January 1, 2018, the board shall adopt rules:

(a) establishing ~~uniform procedures and~~ fees, not to exceed

$1 million, for the filing and review of coal-fired generating unit decommissioning and remediation plans, including preparation of the environmental review document;

~~(b) providing procedures for the approval, modification, or disapproval of plans;~~

~~(c) establishing procedures for enforcement of coal-fired generating unit decommissioning and remediation plans; and~~

(b) assessing risk and establishing cleanup criteria; and

~~(d)~~(c) providing other administrative requirements that the board considers necessary to implement [sections 1 through 12].

NEW SECTION. **Section 7. Decommissioning and remediation plan requirements.** (1) No later than three months after a unit is retired, ~~An~~ an operator shall submit a proposed decommissioning and remediation plan in the form that the board requires under applicable rules, containing the following information:

(a) the name of the operator of the coal-fired generating unit and the names and addresses of all owners of the coal-fired generating unit; and

(b) an environmental ~~and financial~~ overview of the site where the unit is located, the unit itself, and affected

property that includes the information required in subsections (2) through (4).

(2) The plan required in subsection (1) must outline decommissioning information, which must include:

(a) the legal description of the coal-fired generating unit and affected property and a map identifying the location and size of the unit and affected property and relevant features, such as property boundaries, surface topography, surface and subsurface structures, and utility lines;

(b) the physical characteristics of the unit and affected property and areas contiguous to the unit and affected property, including the location of any surface water bodies and ground water aquifers;

(c) the location of any wells ~~located on the site where the unit is located or on areas within a one half mile radius of the site where the unit is located and a description of the use of those wells~~associated with the coal-fired generating unit to be decommissioned, including all wells associated with impoundmnets, and a description of the use of the wells;

(d) the current and reasonably anticipated future uses of onsite ground and surface water where the unit and affected property are ~~is~~ located;

(e) the operational history of the unit;

(f) ~~information on the methods and results of investigations concerning~~using sampling and modeling approved

by the department;

(i) the nature and extent of any hazardous wastes as defined in 75-10-403, hazardous or deleterious substances as defined in 75-10-701, solid waste as defined in 75-10-203, water contaminants or pollutants under the Water Quality Act or present at concentrations greater than background; or other potentially hazardous materials that are at the site where the unit is located or on affected property and a map showing general areas and concentrations of those substances;

(ii) ~~any~~ sampling results or other data that characterizes the soil, air, ground water, or surface water on the site where the unit is located and on affected property;

~~(f)~~(g) a description of potential human and environmental exposure to hazardous wastes as defined in 75-10-403, hazardous or deleterious substances as defined in 75-10-701, solid waste as defined in 75-10-203, or other potentially hazardous materials at the site where the unit is located or on affected property;

~~(g) readily available information on the environmental regulatory and compliance history of the site where the unit is located and the unit itself, including all environmental permits; and~~

(h) a description of the proposed dismantling, ~~and~~ demolition, and disposal of the unit and related infrastructure, including information concerning removal of salable and

salvageable equipment.

(3) The plan required in subsection (1) must outline remediation information, which must include:

a. a detailed description of the components of the remediation proposal, including, to the extent applicable:

(i) the proposed cleanup levels for the site where the unit and affected property are~~is~~ located~~ and the unit itself~~;

(ii) the manner in which the remediation plan satisfies the requirements of [section 10];

(iii) identification of sampling or treatability studies; and

(iv) demonstration that exposures to risk affecting the public health, safety, and welfare and the environment at the facility will be ~~substantially~~ eliminated or mitigated to an acceptable level by the plan;

b. a brief comparison of the remediation proposal to reasonable alternatives capable of achieving the degree of cleanup under [Section 10];

c. a timetable for implementing the proposal and for any necessary monitoring of the site where the unit and affected property ~~is~~are located ~~or affected property~~ after the proposed measures are completed;

d. a statement that applicable health and safety regulations will be met during implementation of the remediation proposal;

e. a description of how short-term disturbances during implementation of the remediation proposal will be minimized~~; and~~

~~f. identification of any permits necessary to conduct the proposed remediation.~~

(4) The plan required in subsection (1) must outline financial information for the decommissioning and remediation of the coal-fired generating unit, which must include:

(a) an estimate of the costs associated with the decommissioning and remediation of the coal-fired generating unit and affected property, based on an engineering report issued by a ~~reputable third party~~licensed engineer approved by the department;

(b) a plan for funding the decommissioning and remediation of the coal-fired generating unit and affected property;

(c) the accumulated reserve of the operator and owner or

owners, or both for the decommissioning and remediation of the coal-fired generating unit and affected property as of the date of submission of the plan and the total amount necessary to meet the estimated decommissioning and remediation costs;

(d) ~~a description of the stages by which~~a timeframe for the decommissioning and remediation is intended to be accomplished;

(e) information concerning ownership of water rights and associated infrastructure owned by the operator and owners of the coal-fired generating unit and plans to transfer, sell, or change the water rights and infrastructure to allow for a local government unit's water supply to be maintained; and

(f) any other information related to the financing of decommissioning and remediation requested by the department.

(5) A plan required pursuant to subsection (1) may consist of a plan for ~~up to two coal-fired generating units in combination that~~more than one unit that are ~~both~~ retired at the same time and planned for simultaneous decommissioning and remediation.

NEW SECTION. **Section 8. Approval of decommissioning and remediation plan -- time limits -- contents of notice -- expiration of approval.** (1) The department shall review for completeness, ~~including adequacy and accuracy,~~ the decommissioning and remediation plan and shall provide a

Comment [A3]: The proposed changes to this Section makes its provisions different from that set forth in the Voluntary Cleanup and Redevelopment Act from which it appears to be taken from.

written completeness notice to the operator within 60 days of receipt and within 30 days of receipt of responses to notices of deficiencies. The initial completeness notice must note all deficiencies identified in the information submitted.

(2)(a) Once the department determines that the proposed decommissioning and remediation plan is complete, the department shall prepare an environmental review document pursuant to the requirements of Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 through 3. The department shall provide formal written notification of approval, approval with modification, or disapproval within 270 days of determining a proposed decommissioning and remediation plan is complete unless the operator and the department agree to an extension of the review to a date certain. ~~The review must be limited to a review of the materials submitted by the operator, public comments, and documents or information readily available to the department. The department shall communicate with the operator during the review period to ensure that the operator has the opportunity to address the public comments.~~During the review period, the operator shall be afforded the opportunity to respond in writing to the comments ~~required~~received by the department on the draft environmental review document.

(b) Any modification to the decommissioning and remediation plan by the department must comply with [section 9].

(3) The department may access the site where the unit is

located, the unit itself, and affected property, at reasonable times and after reasonable notice to the operator, during review of the plan to confirm information provided by the operator and to verify that the remediation is being conducted consistent with the approved plan.

(4) The department shall approve a decommissioning and remediation plan if the department concludes that the plan will ~~adequately address environmental impacts to the site where the unit is located and affected property and~~ meet~~s~~ the requirements of [section 10].

(5) If a decommissioning and remediation plan is not approved by the department, the department shall promptly provide the operator with a written statement of the reasons for ~~denial~~disapproval. The ~~denial~~ disapproval may be appealed to the board in accordance with ~~rules adopted by the board and~~ [section 11].

(6) If conditions are discovered during implementation of a decommissioning and remediation plan that were not identified in the review conducted pursuant to subsection (1) that pose a risk to public health, safety, or welfare or the environment~~ and change the scope of the approved plan~~, the operator shall notify the department within 10 days of discovery. The department may require the operator to submit an amendment to the approved plan to address the conditions.

(7) The department may revoke its approval or conditionally

revoke its approval contingent on the operator taking corrective action identified by the department, if the operator:

~~Departmental approval is void if the operator or the operator's agents:~~

(a) ~~fail~~ fails to materially comply with the plan;

(b) ~~submit~~ submits materially misleading information in the plan or during implementation of the plan; or

(c) ~~fail~~ fails to report any newly discovered information to the department during the application process or implementation of the plan regarding releases or threatened releases of hazardous wastes as defined in 75-10-403, hazardous or deleterious substances as defined in 75-10-701, solid waste as defined in 75-10-203, or other potentially hazardous materials within 10 days of discovery of that information.

(8) The revocation may be appealed to the board in accordance with [section 11].

NEW SECTION. **Section 9. Plan modifications by department.** (1) The department only may modify the terms of a plan in compliance with this section.

(2) If the department believes, based on credible evidence, that a decommissioning and remediation plan would violate a substantive numerical or narrative state standard or regulation, fail to meet the requirements of [section 10], or otherwise violate the purpose of [sections 1 through 12], it may propose to

the operator a modification to the plan.

(3) The department shall notify the operator of the proposed modification in writing. The notice must include:

(a) an identification of the existing plan;

(b) the justification for the modification, including all test results or other credible evidence that the department relied on in proposing the modification; and

(c) the text, maps, drawings, and other appropriate information that constitute the proposed modification.

(4) The modification is not effective or enforceable until 30 days following the issuance of the department's modification notice.

(5) The modification may be appealed to the board in accordance with [section 11]. If the operator requests a hearing on the proposed modification, the modification is not effective and enforceable until completion of a contested case process.

NEW SECTION. **Section 10. Degree of cleanup required -- financial assurance.** (1) A coal-fired generating unit decommissioning and remediation plan must attain a degree of cleanup ~~that ensures protection of public health, safety, and welfare and of the environment~~consistent with Section 2.

(2) In approving a decommissioning and remediation plan under [sections 1 through 12], the department:

(a) except as provided in subsection (4), shall require cleanup consistent with applicable state or federal environmental requirements, criteria, ~~legal settlements,~~ or other limitations;

(b) may consider substantive state or federal environmental requirements, criteria, ~~legal settlements,~~ or other limitations that are relevant to the site conditions; and

(c) shall select remediation, considering present and reasonably anticipated future uses, giving due consideration to institutional controls, that:

(i) demonstrate acceptable mitigation of exposure to risks to the public health, safety, and welfare and the environment;

(ii) are effective and reliable in the short term and the long term;

(iii) are technically practicable and implementable;

(iv) use treatment technologies or resource recovery technologies if practicable, giving due consideration to engineering controls; and

(v) are cost-effective.

(3) In approving a decommissioning and remediation plan, the department shall consider the acceptability of the remediation to the affected community, as indicated by community members and the local government.

(4) The department may select decommissioning and

remediation that does not meet an applicable state environmental requirement, criteria, or limitation under any one of the following circumstances:

(a) The decommissioning or remediation is an interim measure and will become part of a total, overall remediation plan that will attain the applicable requirement, criteria, or limitation.

(b) Compliance with the applicable requirement, criteria, or limitation will result in greater risk to human health and the environment than other remediation alternatives.

(c) Compliance with the applicable requirement, criteria, or limitation is technically impracticable from an engineering perspective.

(d) The decommissioning and remediation will attain a standard of performance that is equivalent to that required under the otherwise applicable requirement, criteria, or limitation through use of another method or approach.

(e) Compliance with the requirement would not be cost-effective.

(5) For purposes of this section, cost-effectiveness must be determined through an analysis of incremental costs and incremental risk reduction and other benefits of alternatives considered, taking into account the total anticipated short-term and long-term costs of remedial action alternatives considered,

including the total anticipated cost of operation and maintenance activities.

(6) The department may require financial assurance from operator, owner or owners, or both of a coal-fired generating unit in an amount that the department determines will ensure the compl~~eti~~tion of a decommissioning and remediation plan. The operator, owner or owners, or both shall provide the financial assurance by any one method or combination of methods satisfactory to the department, including but not limited to insurance, guarantee, performance or other surety bond, letter of credit, qualification as a self-insurer, or other demonstration of financial capability.

NEW SECTION. **Section 11. Decommissioning and remediation plan hearing -- appeal -- venue.** (1) (a) Subject to subsection (1)(b), a person whose interests are or may be adversely affected by a final decision of the department to approve, modify, or disapprove a coal-fired decommissioning and remediation plan under [sections 1 through 12] is entitled to a hearing before the board if a written request stating the reasons for the appeal is submitted to the board within 30 days of the department's decision.

(b) A person must have either submitted comments to the department on a decommissioning and remediation plan or submitted comments at a public meeting held in accordance with

Title 75, chapter 1, during the environmental review conducted in accordance with [section 6(1)]. The person may only appeal issues raised in the comments.

(2) ~~An operator may request a hearing before the board on a final decision or a modification by the department to a plan.~~ An operator may request a hearing before the board on an approval with modification, disapproval, or revocation of a plan by submitting a request for a hearing within 15 days of receipt of notice of the decision or modification.

(3) The contested case provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, Title 2, chapter 4, part 6, apply to a hearing held under this section.

(4) A petition for judicial review of a board decision made to approve, modify, or disapprove a plan must be brought in the county in which the coal-fired generating unit ~~decommissioning and remediation plan is proposed to occur or is occurring or,~~ is located or, if mutually agreed upon by both parties in the action, in the first judicial district, Lewis and Clark County.

(5) If the court determines that the challenge was without merit or was for an improper purpose, such as to harass, to cause unnecessary delay, or to impose needless or increased cost in litigation, the court may award attorney fees and costs incurred in defending the action.

NEW SECTION. **Section 12. Enforcement of decommissioning and remediation plan -- civil penalties -- appeal -- venue.** (1) If the department believes that an operator ~~or the operator's agents have~~has failed to implement an approved decommissioning and remediation plan~~ or a rule adopted in order to enforce a decommissioning and remediation plan~~, it may serve written notice of the violation, by certified mail, on the operator. The notice must specify the provision of [sections 1 through 12] ~~or the rule alleged to have been violated~~ and the facts alleged to constitute a violation. The notice must include an order to take necessary corrective action within a reasonable period of time. The time period must be stated in the order. Service by mail is complete on the date of filing.

(2) If the operator does not request a hearing before the board within 30 days of the date of service, the order becomes final.

(3) If the operator requests a hearing before the board within 30 days of the date of service, the board shall schedule a hearing. After the hearing is held, the board may:

(a) affirm or modify the department's order issued under subsection (1) if the board finds that a violation has occurred; or

(b) rescind the department's order if the board finds that a violation has not occurred.

(4) An order issued by the department or the board may set

a date by which the violation must cease and set a time limit for action to correct a violation.

(5) The contested case provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, Title 2, chapter 4, part 6, apply to a hearing conducted under this section.

(6) (a) An operator who violates any provision of an approved decommissioning and remediation plan ~~or a rule adopted in order to enforce a decommissioning and remediation plan~~ is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each violation. Each day of each violation constitutes a separate violation. The department may institute and maintain in the name of the state any enforcement proceedings under this section. Upon request of the department, the attorney general or the county attorney of the county of violation shall petition the district court to impose, assess, and recover the civil penalty.

(b) Penalties assessed under this subsection (6) must be determined in accordance with the penalty factors in 75-1-1001.

(7) Action under subsection (1) is not a bar to enforcement of a rule, order, or action made or issued under [sections 1 through 12] by injunction or other appropriate civil remedies.

(8) Money collected under this section must be deposited in the alternative energy revolving loan account established in 75-25-101.

(9) This section does not prevent the board or department

from making efforts to obtain voluntary compliance through warning, conference, or any other appropriate means.

(10) A petition for judicial review of a board decision to affirm, modify, or rescind an order under this section must be brought in the county in which the decommissioning and remediation plan is being implemented or, if mutually agreed upon by both parties in the action, in the first judicial district, Lewis and Clark County.

Section 13. Section 75-1-1001, MCA, is amended to read:

"75-1-1001. Penalty factors. (1) In determining the amount of an administrative or civil penalty to which subsection (4) applies, the department of environmental quality or the district court, as appropriate, shall take into account the following factors:

(a) the nature, extent, and gravity of the violation;

(b) the circumstances of the violation;

(c) the violator's prior history of any violation, which:

(i) must be a violation of a requirement under the authority of the same chapter and part as the violation for which the penalty is being assessed;

(ii) must be documented in an administrative order or a judicial order or judgment issued within 3 years prior to the date of the occurrence of the violation for which the penalty is being assessed; and

(iii) may not, at the time that the penalty is being assessed, be undergoing or subject to administrative appeal or judicial review;

(d) the economic benefit or savings resulting from the violator's action;

(e) the violator's good faith and cooperation;

(f) the amounts voluntarily expended by the violator, beyond what is required by law or order, to address or mitigate the violation or impacts of the violation; and

(g) other matters that justice may require.

(2) After the amount of a penalty is determined under subsection (1), the department of environmental quality or the district court, as appropriate, may consider the violator's financial ability to pay the penalty and may institute a payment schedule or suspend all or a portion of the penalty.

(3) The department of environmental quality may accept a supplemental environmental project as mitigation for a portion of the penalty. For purposes of this section, a "supplemental environmental project" is an environmentally beneficial project that a violator agrees to undertake in settlement of an enforcement action but which the violator is not otherwise legally required to perform.

(4) This section applies to penalties assessed by the department of environmental quality or the district court under Title 75, chapters 2, 5, 6, 11, and 20; Title 75, chapter 10,

parts 2, 4, 5, and 12; [sections 1 through 12] and Title 76, chapter 4.

(5) The board of environmental review and the department of environmental quality may, for the statutes listed in subsection

(4) for which each has rulemaking authority, adopt rules to implement this section."

{*Internal References to 75-1-1001:*

75-2-401	*75-2-413*	*75-2-514*	*75-2-515*
75-5-611	*75-5-631*	*75-6-109*	*75-6-114*
75-10-228	*75-10-417*	*75-10-424*	*75-10-542*
75-10-1222	*75-10-1223*	*75-11-223*	*75-11-516*
75-11-525	*75-20-408* }		

Section 14. Section 75-25-101, MCA, is amended to read:

"75-25-101. Alternative energy revolving loan account.

(1) There is a special revenue account called the alternative energy revolving loan account to the credit of the department of environmental quality.

(2) The alternative energy revolving loan account consists of money deposited into the account from air quality penalties from 75-2-401 and 75-2-413, penalties from [section 12]; and money from any other source. Any interest earned by the account and any interest that is generated from a loan repayment must be deposited into the account and used to sustain the program.

(3) Funds from the alternative energy revolving loan

account may be used to provide loans to individuals, small businesses, units of local government, units of the university system, and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of building alternative energy systems, as defined in 15-32-102:

(a) to generate energy for their own use;

(b) for net metering as defined in 69-8-103; and

(c) for capital investments by those entities for energy conservation purposes, as defined in 15-32-102, when done in conjunction with an alternative energy system.

(4) The amount of a loan may not exceed $40,000, and the loan must be repaid within 10 years."

{*Internal References to 75-25-101:*

75-2-401 *75-2-413* }

NEW SECTION. **Section 15. {standard} Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 through 12] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 75, and the provisions of Title 75 apply to [sections 1 through 12].

NEW SECTION. **Section 16. {standard} Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

NEW SECTION. **Section 17. {standard} Severability.** If a

part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

NEW SECTION. **Section 18. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

NEW SECTION. **Section 19. {standard} Retroactive applicability.** [This act] applies retroactively, within the meaning of 1-2-109, to coal-fired generating units retired on or after January 1, 2017.

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Dear Chairman Regier and Committee Members:

Thank you for providing Avista Corp. ("Avista") with an opportunity to comment on the seven bills that have been drafted for consideration by the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee. Below, we offer commentary on some, but not all, of these draft measures.

As you may know, Avista has been part of Montana communities for longer than 50 years, with our interest in the Colstrip Steam Electric Plant ("Colstrip"), our Noxon Rapids hydroelectric generating project in Sanders County, and our share of ownership in electric transmission systems that cross the state. At a time when questions are being posed about Colstrip's future, we want to assure you that we expect our relationship with Montana to be enduring. We understand and appreciate concerns raised about the welfare of the Colstrip community and the state as a whole from the closure of facilities, such as Colstrip, which contribute greatly to the economy of Montana.

The State of Montana has a discernible interest in decisions affecting Colstrip's operations. There are many interrelated factors that implicate the useful life of Colstrip's four units, including environmental policies, market fundamentals, and economic regulation. Ultimately, the fate of Colstrip's future will be decided by economics and finances. The economic "life" of the units will be determined by the ability of their owners to recover investments made in the facility to maintain or extend its operational life. Whether those costs would be recovered through market sales or utility rates engenders a unique set of issues, particularly in light of the composition of the ownership of Colstrip and legislation that was recently enacted in Oregon.

Two of the draft bills may effectively address the Committee's interests with the least amount of contention among stakeholders. LCCOL1 would appropriate funds to enable the Governor and Attorney General to intervene in proceedings before an out-of-state regulatory commission that involve planning for the "future of coal-fired generation facilities located in Montana," while LCCOL3 proposes to appropriate funds from the Coal Severance Tax Permanent Fund to mitigate socioeconomic impacts from the closure of a "natural resource business," such as Colstrip. Linkage between LCCOL3 and LCCOL4, however, would make LCCOL3 more controversial, as explained below.

LCCOL1 acknowledges Montana's interest in a proceeding that may affect the continued operation of Colstrip units 1 and 2. This draft measure does not directly affect Avista as a minority owner of Colstrip units 3 and 4. Nevertheless, we appreciate the State's interest in wanting to adequately prepare for and respond to the potential, if not impending, closure of units 1 and 2. We understand why the State would want to intervene in an economic regulatory proceeding that could facilitate the retirement of units 1 and 2. This intervention, though, would only be appropriate to the extent of the State's direct interest in the matter, such as a decommissioning and remediation plan related to units 1 and 2 that may be presented to an economic regulatory body. In contrast, issues relating to depreciation schedules and resource planning more directly affect ratepayers, even though they may implicate Montana's interests to some extent. Perhaps through intervention, a reasonable accommodation can be reached among the parties.

LCCOL3 embodies a concrete mechanism to address impacts arising from the decommissioning of all four Colstrip units, as well as from the closure of other "natural resource businesses." The Coal Severance Tax Permanent Fund is presently sustained by the coal severance tax levied under Chapter 15-13 MCA. These taxes are embedded into the coal contracts that the Colstrip owners have with their supplier. Because Colstrip owners have been (indirectly) contributing to the Fund since the 1980s, it may be appropriate to use this funding source to mitigate socioeconomic impacts from the retirement of Colstrip. LCCOL3, though, would broaden the scope of the Fund's function to address closures in the timber and mining businesses, even though those industries have not been contributing, directly or indirectly, to the Fund. It may be appropriate to consider a different approach for financially addressing the impacts of closing forestry and extraction businesses. In addition, the proposition that the Fund should be replenished by an additional tax, as proposed in LCCOL4, is a matter of concern.

LCCOL4 would increase the rate of the Electric Energy Producers' License tax from $.0002 per kilowatt hour to $.00029 per kilowatt hour, with the incremental tax proceeds being dedicated to the Coal Severance Tax Permanent Fund, apparently to reimburse the Fund for the purposes set-forth in LCCCOL3. Increasing the tax rate would be inequitable in several significant ways. First of all, it would result in electric generators in the state paying for the impacts of closed forestry and extraction businesses. Second, the tax increase will have broad economic impacts throughout Montana. The Electric Energy Producers' License tax is paid by more than just the owners of Colstrip; it applies to other coal-fired generation in the state, as well as to hydroelectric, natural gas and wind generation facilities. Under LCCOL4, owners of non-coal-fired generation would pay a higher tax to support mitigating the impact of Colstrip's retirement, and, ironically, the owners of coal-fired generation other than Colstrip would finance measures to address the closure of Colstrip but not the retirement of their own facilities. Furthermore, the bill draft's application to all electric energy producers would contribute to harming consumers in Montana, including the timber and extraction businesses covered under LCCOL3.

LCCOL5 proposes to impose an impact fee upon the owners of Colstrip units 1 and 2. This may be a more equitable alternative to LCCOL4, especially since it is more narrowly tailored to remedy concerns about the potential retirement of those units. Our interest in this draft bill stems from its potential to serve as a precedent for future legislation dealing with the closure of units 3 and 4; and, accordingly, we have thoughts to convey about it. As an electric utility subject to economic regulation in many states, including Montana, Avista believes that taxes and fees must be reasonable, levied for a specific purpose, and recoverable in rates; and, more specific to the present situation, we think that consideration should

be given to the fact that the imposition of an additional cost onto Colstrip could affect its economic circumstances, as noted in this letter's introduction.

By imposing an "impact fee" related to an asset that is no longer used and useful, LCCOL5 raises uncertainty with regards to the ability of a regulated utility to recover the fee in rates. This proposition can place a regulated utility in an untenable financial situation. In addition, the amount of money that would be raised by the "impact fee" seems, on its face, to lack foundation in an accounting of actual financial need. The Colstrip owners have existing obligations to remediate environmental impacts and can endeavor to make accommodations for the workforce in collaboration with stakeholders. Any deliberation that may be given to levying an "impact fee" should consider such obligations and accommodations as well as the economic contributions that Colstrip owners have made to-date.

LCCOL2 would grant the Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") additional authority to require the operator of Colstrip to file a decommissioning and remediation plan subject to approval, rejection, or modification by MDEQ. This measure raises potential significant concerns that are very different from the other bills' provisions. It is not clear to us whether or not the draft bill's provisions duplicate or conflict with existing site permitting requirements, as well as existing orders, agreements and other regulatory authorities. Nevertheless, it would impose a significant expense for plan submission alone. Furthermore, operative elements of the draft bill are so vague as to engender tremendous uncertainty as to what might be required from the owners. The notion of "reasonably anticipated future uses," for example, could result in different, if not divergent, proposed requirements for remediation depending upon what, or who (the operator or MDEQ) believes are the most "reasonably anticipated future uses."

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Nowakowski, Sonja; Mike Green
Subject: Net metering and Colstrip Comments

Dear Sonja and ETIC,

Montana Dakota Utilities appreciates the Committee's focus on net metering and Montana's energy future during this interim. Montana Dakota submits the following concerns about some of the Committee's proposals:

LC NET4 would create a numerical threshold at which the Public Service Commission must evaluate whether a separate class should be created for net-metering customers. Montana Dakota is not opposed to creating a numerical trigger. However, as drafted, the bill appears to eliminate the Commission's ability to address issues that might arise before that trigger is met. Montana Dakota requests the Committee strike the portion of the bill that would limit the Commission's current authority to consider a cost/benefit analysis and other supporting details in regard to minimum bills, separate class, etc. at any time that information is presented to them by the utility or MCC.

LC NET5 increases the net metering cap from 50 kW to 250 kW for customers exempt from tax under § 15-6-201, MCA. That section provides exemptions for a broad range of governmental and charitable organizations, including, school districts, hospitals, municipalities, and irrigation districts. Montana Dakota is concerned about this increase. Given the relatively small loads on MDU's distribution circuits, the fluctuations on a circuit created by introduction of a customer generator of 250 kW could have a significant impact on reliability.

LC COL3 and 4- Montana Dakota is supportive of the notion of creating a fund to mitigate the impact on local communities from the closure of natural resource related businesses. However, Montana Dakota does not believe that effort should be tied to a targeted tax increase on electrical generation. Further, Montana Dakota opposes the proposal in LC COL4 to increase Montana's electrical energy producer's license tax by forty-five percent. As a regulated utility, the tax increase will be directly passed on to Montana Dakota's customers, who do not receive power from Colstrip and who are unlikely to see any benefit from the grant program it is intended to fund as written. Further, LC COL4 is counterproductive to the other goals outlined in the other LCs being considered by the Committee, because it will increase the cost of generation at MDU's coal-fired Lewis and Clark generating station.

Kind regards,
Aimee Grmoljez

Sent from my iPad

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Russ Doty <iwin4u1@earthlink.net>
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Subject: Comment on LC COL4
Attachments: I-180 amended 8_25_16.docx; EXPLANATION OF I-180.docx

Honorable Members of the ETIC & Ms. Nowakowski:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on LC COL4. I am not aware of whether there is a fiscal note on this measure. If the purpose is to replace coal tax revenue that is being lost because less coal is being used in the world, the license tax of $.0002 per kilowatt hour specified in LC COL4 will not replace all lost revenue.

As you may know, MTCARES proposed a similar provision in ballot initiative I-180 to cover the projected loss of coal tax revenue. However, the tax rate we used in I-180- was gradually increased to anticipate the reduction in coal-fired generation as renewables replace coal generation here. That is, the tax only replaced lost coal revenues resulting from changes in how electricity was to be produced under increased renewable electricity needs in Montana. Therefore, you may wish to change your tax rate to recover revenue lost because less coal is being exported and fewer coal fired electrons will be exported.

I am attaching a copy of I-180 as it has been recently amended (indicated by the yellow portions and double underlining). The initiative, which was entirely voluntary, obtained 8275 valid signatures (34%of what was needed), indicating that if we had started 8 months earlier to collect signatures, I-180 quite possibly would be on the ballot. Several of our volunteers and signers hope that the legislature will consider the provisions in I-180 as amended.

That ballot initiative would have required NorthWestern Energy to cut its CO2 emissions in half by 2025. And 80% of the electricity used here would have had to come from renewables by 2050.

Support for I-180 grew especially among younger voters, over 90% of whom realize we must curb global warming to protect the 36,000 jobs in Montana's agriculture, tourism, skiing and sport-fishing sectors which are at risk if we continue heating up the earth by burning fossil fuels. Those voters also realize I-180 was right in providing retraining and pension security benefits for fossil fuel workers as a means of transitioning to no-fuel-cost electricity. Now that I-180 is not on the ballot, the hope for additional help for displaced fossil fuel workers lies with the legislature.

The recent amendments address a concern some had about I-180s allowance of pre-2005 hydroelectric facilities to be counted in meeting renewable energy standards. Amendments also reintroduce the concept that monopolies ought not to be the only participants in the clean energy transition and to better carve out a place for your residential customers and businesses to participate as well. In addition, during the signature gathering process, we became aware of the fact that tribal areas were losing coal royalty revenue. The amendments begin to address that revenue loss. Finally, I am still working on a further amendment to I-180 to require PSC and utility assessment of battery and other energy storage which has been required in California and Florida and which recently passed in Massachusetts with only one dissenting vote. Requiring the placing of new energy storage facilities on tribal land or near Colstrip may help ameliorate the projected job and royalty loss there.

Sincerely,
Russ Doty for MTCARES

The planet we'll preserve – it's the future kids deserve.

Russ Doty, Coordinator/Volunteer
MTCARES (Montana Community Affordable Renewable Energy Saves)
Website: www.mtcares.org (Home of I-180, Montana's 80% Renewable Electricity by 2050 Ballot Initiative)
Bring about a 180 in Montana energy policy -- put I-180 on the ballot.
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Cc: I-180 as amended 8/25/16
Explanation of unamended I-180

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND IMPLICATION

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 5-5-230, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-5-230. Energy and telecommunications interim committee. (1) The energy and telecommunications interim committee has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the department of public service regulation and the public service commission.

(2) For the interim beginning in 2021, the energy and telecommunications interim committee shall:

(a) review and evaluate the effect that reduction in fossil fuel use is having and will have on:

(i) employment and pensions of fossil fuel workers; and

(ii) the decrease in revenue received pursuant to the Montana coal severance tax; and

(b) make recommendations regarding:

(i) modifications in the tax rates in [section 9]; and

(ii) training and benefits for fossil fuel workers affected by the reduction in fossil fuel use."

Section 2. Section 69-3-2003, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-3-2003. Definitions. As used in this part, unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Ancillary services" means services or tariff provisions related to generation and delivery of electric power other than simple generation, transmission, or distribution. Ancillary services related to transmission services include energy losses, energy imbalances, scheduling and dispatching, load following, system protection, spinning reserves and nonspinning reserves, and reactive power.

(2) "Balancing authority" means a transmission system control operator who balances electricity supply and load at all times to meet transmission system operating criteria and to provide reliable electric service to customers.

(3) "Common ownership" means the same or substantially similar persons or entities that maintain a controlling interest in more than one community renewable energy project even if the ownership shares differ between two community renewable energy projects. Two community renewable energy projects may not be considered to be under common ownership simply because the same entity provided debt or equity or both debt and equity to both projects.

(4) "Community renewable energy project" means an eligible renewable resource that:

(a) is interconnected on the utility side of the meter in which local owners have a controlling interest and that is less than or equal to 25 megawatts in total calculated nameplate capacity; ~~or~~

(b) is a project installed prior to the effective date of this law and owned by a public utility and has less than or equal to 25 megawatts in total calculated nameplate capacity;

(c) is interconnected on the customer side of the meter, is located on property owned by the same person who owns the eligible renewable resource, and is less than or equal to ~~3~~ 25 megawatts in total calculated nameplate capacity; or

(d) is interconnected on the customer side of the meter, is leased to a person owning property in Montana, is located on property owned by the lessee pursuant to a lease-purchase agreement that meets the requirements of subsection (11), and is less than or equal to ~~3~~ 25 megawatts in total calculated nameplate capacity.

(5) (a) "Competitive electricity supplier" means any person, corporation, or governmental entity that is selling electricity to small customers at retail rates in the state of Montana and that is not a public utility or cooperative.

(b) The term does not include governmental entities selling electricity produced only by facilities generating less than 250 kilowatts that were in operation prior to 1990.

(6) "Compliance year" means each calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31, starting in 2008, for which compliance with this part must be demonstrated.

(7) "Cooperative utility" means:

(a) a utility qualifying as an electric cooperative pursuant to Title 35, chapter 18; or

(b) ~~an existing~~ any municipal electric utility ~~as of May 2, 1997~~.

(8) "Dispatch ability" means the ability of either a balancing authority or the owner of an electric generating resource to rapidly start, stop, increase, or decrease electricity production from that generating resource in order to respond to the balancing authority's need to match supply resources to loads on the transmission system.

(9) "Electric generating resource" means any plant or equipment used to generate electricity by any means.

(10) "Eligible renewable resource" means a facility either located within Montana or delivering electricity from another state into Montana that commences commercial operation after January 1, 2005, or a hydroelectric project expansion referred to in subsection (10)(d)(iv), any of which produces electricity from one or more of the following sources:

(a) wind;

(b) solar;

(c) geothermal;

(d) water power, in the case of a hydroelectric project that:

(i) does not require a new appropriation, diversion, or impoundment of water and that has a nameplate rating of 10 megawatts or less;

(ii) is installed at an existing reservoir or on an existing irrigation system that does not have hydroelectric generation as of April 16,

2009, and has a nameplate capacity of 15 megawatts or less; ~~or~~

(iii) meets the requirements for becoming an eligible renewable resource set forth in 69-3-2004(4); or

~~(iii)~~ (iv) is an expansion of an existing hydroelectric project that commences construction and increases existing generation capacity on or after October 1, 2013. Engineering estimates of the average incremental generation from the increase in existing generation capacity must be submitted to the commission for review. The commission shall determine an average annual incremental generation that will constitute the eligible renewable resource from the capacity expansion, subject to further revision by the commission in the event of significant changes in stream flow or dam operation.

(e) landfill or farm-based methane gas;

(f) gas produced during the treatment of wastewater;

(g) low-emission, nontoxic biomass based on dedicated energy crops, animal wastes, or solid organic fuels from wood, forest, or field residues, including wood pieces that have been treated with chemical preservatives, such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, or copper-chrome arsenic, and that are used at a facility that has a nameplate capacity of 5 megawatts or less;

(h) hydrogen derived from any of the sources in this subsection (10) for use in fuel cells; and

(i) the renewable energy fraction from:

(i) the sources identified in this subsection (10) of electricity production from a multiple-fuel process with fossil fuels;

(ii) flywheel storage as defined in 15-6-157(4)(d);

(iii) hydroelectric pumped storage as defined in 15-6-157(4)(e);

(iv) batteries; and

(v) compressed air derived from any of the sources in this subsection (10) that is forced into an underground storage reservoir and later released, heated, and passed through a turbine generator.

(11)(a) "Lease-purchase agreement" means an agreement between the lessor and a lessee establishing the terms for the lessee's eventual ownership of the resource before or at the end of the lease period. For purposes of this subsection (11), a lessor is an owner of an eligible renewable resource and a lessee owns property where the eligible renewable resource is located. The agreement must include a specific dollar amount by which the lessee or lessee's successor may exercise a right to purchase the eligible renewable resource at each time the right to purchase under the agreement may be exercised.

(b) Unless both parties mutually agree, terms of the lease-purchase agreement may not be determined after a lease is signed.

(c) This subsection (11) does not apply to transactions entered into pursuant to Title 69, chapter 3, part 6, unless the utility is the lessor.

~~(11)~~(12) "Local owners" means:

(a) Montana residents;

(b) general partnerships of which all partners are Montana residents;

(c) business entities organized under the laws of Montana that:

(i) have less than $50 million of gross revenue;

(ii) have less than $100 million of assets; and

(iii) have at least 50% of the equity interests, income interests, and voting interests owned by Montana residents;

(d) Montana nonprofit organizations;

(e) Montana-based tribal councils;

(f) Montana political subdivisions or local governments;

(g) Montana-based cooperatives other than cooperative utilities; or

(h) any combination of the individuals or entities listed in subsections ~~(11)(a)~~ (12)(a) through ~~(11(g)~~ (12)(g).

~~(12)~~(13) “Nonspinning reserve" means offline generation that can be ramped up to capacity and synchronized to the grid within 10 minutes and that is needed to maintain system frequency stability during emergency conditions, unforeseen load swings, and generation disruptions.

~~(13)~~(14) "Public utility" means any electric utility regulated by the commission pursuant to Title 69, chapter 3, on January 1, 2005, including the public utility's successors or assignees.

~~(14)~~(15) "Renewable energy credit" means a tradable certificate of proof of 1 megawatt hour of electricity generated by an eligible renewable resource that is tracked and verified by the commission and includes all of the environmental attributes associated with that 1 megawatt-hour unit of electricity production.

~~(15)~~(16) "Renewable energy fraction" means the proportion of electricity output directly attributable to electricity and associated renewable energy credits produced by one of the sources identified in subsection (10).

~~(16)~~(17) "Seasonality" means the degree to which an electric generating resource is capable of producing electricity in each of the seasons of the year.

~~(17)~~(18) "Small customer" means a retail customer that has an individual load with an average monthly demand of less than 5,000 kilowatts.

~~(18)~~(19) "Spinning reserve" means the online reserve capacity that is synchronized to the grid system and immediately responsive to frequency control and that is needed to maintain system frequency stability during emergency conditions, unforeseen load swings, and generation disruptions.

~~(19)~~(20) "Total calculated nameplate capacity" means the calculation of total nameplate capacity of the community renewable energy project and other eligible renewable resources that are:

(a) located within 5 miles of the project;

(b) constructed within the same 12-month period; and

(c) under common ownership."

Section 3. Section 69-3-2004, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-3-2004. Renewable resource standard -- administrative penalty -- waiver. (1) Except as provided in ~~69-3-2007~~ [section 7] and subsections (11) through (14) of this section, a graduated renewable energy standard is established for public utilities and competitive electricity suppliers as provided in subsections ~~(2) through~~ (4~~)~~ (2) and (3) of this section.

~~(2) In each compliance year beginning January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2009, each public utility and competitive electricity supplier shall procure a minimum of 5% of its retail sales of electrical energy in Montana from eligible renewable resources.~~

~~(3) (a) In each compliance year beginning January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2014, each public utility and competitive electricity supplier, except as provided in subsections (13) and (14), shall procure a minimum of 10% of its retail sales of electrical energy in Montana from eligible renewable resources.~~

~~(b) Beginning January 1, 2012, as part of their compliance with subsection (3)(a), public utilities shall purchase both the renewable energy credits and the electricity output from community renewable energy projects that total at least 50 megawatts in nameplate capacity.~~

~~(c) Public utilities shall proportionately allocate the purchase required under subsection (3)(b) based on each public utility's retail sales of electrical energy in Montana in the calendar year 2011.~~

~~(4)~~ (2)(a) In ~~the~~ each compliance year beginning January 1, 2015, ~~and in each succeeding compliance year,~~ through December 31, 2017, each public utility and competitive electricity supplier, except as provided in subsections (13) and (14), shall procure a minimum of 15% of its retail sales of electrical energy in Montana from eligible renewable resources.

(b) (i) As part of their compliance with subsection ~~(4)(a)~~ (2)(a), public utilities shall purchase renewable energy credits, or both the renewable energy credits and the electricity output from community renewable energy projects that total at least 75 megawatts in nameplate capacity.

(ii) In meeting the standard in subsection ~~(4)(b)(i)~~ (2)(b)(i), a public utility may include: (a) ~~purchases made under subsection (3)(b)~~ electricity and renewable energy credit purchases made from community renewable energy projects, or

(b) in the alternative, it may include renewable energy credit purchases made from community renewable energy projects, or (c) any combination of (2)(b)(ii)(a) and (2)(b)(ii)(b).

(c) Public utilities shall proportionately allocate the purchase required under subsection ~~(4)(b)~~ (2)(b) based on each public utility's proportion of the total retail sales of electrical energy by public utilities in Montana in the calendar year 2014.

(3)(a) Except as provided in subsections (13) and (14), each public utility and competitive electricity supplier, in the compliance year beginning:

(i) January 1, 2018, shall procure a minimum of 19% of its retail sales of electrical energy in Montana from eligible renewable resources;

(ii) January 1, 2019, and in each succeeding compliance year through December 31, 2025, shall procure an additional 3%, incrementally increased each year by 3% and totaling 40% in 2025, of its retail sales of electrical energy in Montana from eligible renewable resources;

(iii) January 1, 2026, and in each succeeding compliance year through December 31, 2040, shall procure an additional 2%, incrementally increased each year by 2% and totaling 70% in 2040, of its retail sales of electrical energy in Montana from eligible renewable resources;

(iv) January 1, 2041, and in each succeeding compliance year through December 31, 2050, shall procure an additional 1%, incrementally increased each year by 1% and totaling 80% in 2050, and thereafter, of its retail sales of electrical energy in Montana from eligible renewable resources.

(b) (i) To comply with this subsection (3), public utilities shall purchase only the renewable energy credits, or both the renewable energy credits and the electricity output from community renewable energy projects equal to at least 15% of the calculated nameplate capacity added during the year, and at least half of the renewable energy credits purchased shall come from projects that are less than or equal to 3 megawatts in calculated nameplate capacity.

(ii) Each year, the annual purchase requirements of subsection (3)(b)(i) must be added to purchases previously required of a public utility under subsection (2)(b) to arrive at the total electricity output required to be produced by community renewable energy projects during each succeeding year.

(4) (a) (i) In accordance with subsection (7)(d) as part of compliance with this section, a public utility or competitive electricity supplier may count as an eligible renewable resource a hydroelectric facility not otherwise an eligible renewable resource under 69-3-2003(10)(d) if the annual output of electricity by all hydroelectric facilities owned by the utility or competitive electricity supplier, plus the annual output of electricity required for the public utility or competitive electricity supplier to meet the requirements of 69-3-2004(2) and (3)(a)(iv), is equal to or more than 80% of the annual sales of electricity for the public utility or competitive electricity supplier.

(ii) If at any time in the future a public utility or competitive electricity supplier's retail sales of electrical energy in Montana from eligible renewable resources is required to be more than the 80% specified in 69-3-2004(3)(a)(iv), in accordance with subsection (7)(d) as part of compliance with this section, a public utility or competitive electricity supplier may only count as an eligible renewable resource a hydroelectric facility not otherwise an eligible renewable resource under 69-3-2003(10)(d) if the annual output of electricity by all hydroelectric facilities owned by the utility or competitive electricity supplier, plus the annual output of electricity required for the public utility or competitive electricity supplier to meet the requirements of 69-3-2004(2) and (3)(a)(iv), is equal to or more than the highest percentage of increase above 80% of the annual sales of electricity for the public utility or competitive electricity supplier required by the future increase.

(b) When calculating electricity from hydroelectric facilities, a public utility or competitive electricity supplier may not count electricity purchased from hydroelectric facilities not owned by the utility or the competitive electric supplier unless the hydroelectric facility producing the electricity is an eligible renewable resource as defined in 69-3-2003.

(5) (a) In complying with the standards required under subsections (2) ~~through (4)~~ and (3), a public utility or competitive electricity supplier shall, for any given compliance year, calculate its procurement requirement based on the public utility's or competitive electricity supplier's previous year's sales of electrical energy to retail customers in Montana.

(b) The standards in subsections (2) ~~through (4)~~ and (3) must be calculated on a delivered-energy basis after accounting for any line losses.

(6) A public utility or competitive electricity supplier has until 3 months following the end of each compliance year to purchase renewable energy credits for that compliance year.

(7) (a) In order to meet the standards established in subsections (2) ~~through (4)~~ and (3), a public utility or competitive electricity supplier may only use:

(i) electricity from an eligible renewable resource in which the associated renewable energy credits have not been sold separately;

(ii) renewable energy credits created by an eligible renewable resource purchased separately from the associated electricity; or

(iii) any combination of subsections (7)(a)(i) and (7)(a)(ii).

(b) A public utility or competitive electricity supplier may not resell renewable energy credits and count those sold credits against the public utility's or the competitive electricity supplier's obligation to meet the standards established in subsections (2) ~~through (4)~~ and (3).

(c) Renewable energy credits sold through a voluntary service such as the one provided for in 69-8-210(2) may not be applied against a public utility's or competitive electricity supplier's obligation to meet the standards established in subsections (2) ~~through (4)~~ and (3).

(d) Renewable energy credits from an eligible renewable resource that are not used by a public utility, competitive electricity supplier, community renewable energy project, or Montana property owner that owns the eligible renewable resource to meet the requirements of this section may be sold to other public utilities, competitive electricity suppliers, cooperative utilities, municipal utilities, or other entities meeting the requirements of this section or meeting renewable energy procurement requirements in other places.

(8) Nothing in this part limits a public utility or competitive electricity supplier from exceeding the standards established in subsections (2) ~~through (4)~~ and (3).

(9) If a public utility or competitive electricity supplier exceeds a standard established in subsections (2) ~~through (4)~~ and (3) in any compliance year, the public utility or competitive electricity supplier may carry forward the amount by which the standard was exceeded to comply with the standard in ~~either or both~~ any or all of the ~~2~~ subsequent compliance years. The carryforward may not be double-counted.

(10) Except as provided in subsections (11) and (12), if a public utility or competitive electricity supplier is unable to meet the standards established in subsections (2) ~~through (4)~~ and (3) in any compliance year, that public utility or competitive electricity supplier shall pay an administrative penalty, assessed by the commission, of $10 for each megawatt hour of renewable energy credits that the public utility or competitive electricity supplier failed to procure. A public utility may not recover this penalty in electricity rates. Money generated from these penalties must be deposited in the universal low-income energy assistance fund established in 69-8-412(1)(b).

(11) A public utility or competitive electricity supplier may petition the commission for a short-term waiver from full compliance with the standards in subsections (2) ~~through (4)~~ and (3) and the penalties levied under subsection (10). The petition must demonstrate that the:

(a) public utility or competitive electricity supplier has undertaken all reasonable steps to procure renewable energy credits under long-term contract, but full compliance cannot be achieved either because renewable energy credits cannot be procured or for other legitimate reasons that are outside the control of the public utility or competitive electricity supplier; or

(b) integration of additional eligible renewable resources into the electrical grid will clearly and demonstrably jeopardize the reliability of the electrical system and that the public utility or competitive electricity supplier has undertaken all reasonable steps to mitigate the reliability concerns.

(12) (a) Retail sales made by a competitive electricity supplier according to prices, terms, and conditions of a written contract executed prior to April 25, 2007, are exempt from the standards in subsections (2) ~~through (4)~~ and (3).

(b) The exemption provided for in subsection (12)(a) is terminated upon:

(i) modification after April 25, 2007, of the prices, terms, or conditions in a written contract; or

(ii) extension of the contract.

(13) A public utility that served 50 or fewer retail customers in Montana on December 31, 2012, is exempt from the requirements of subsections (2) ~~through (4)~~ and (3).

(14) (a) A competitive electricity supplier with four or fewer small customers in Montana is exempt from the requirements of subsections (2) ~~through (4)~~ and (3).

(b) For the purposes of determining the number of small customers served by a competitive electricity supplier, an entity that purchases electricity for commercial or industrial use and does not resell electricity to others is one small customer regardless of the number of its metered locations."

Section 4. Section 69-3-2005, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-3-2005. Procurement -- cost recovery -- reporting. (1) In meeting the requirements of this part, a public utility shall:

(a) conduct renewable energy solicitations under which the public utility offers to purchase renewable energy credits, either with or without the associated electricity, under contracts of at least 10 years in duration;

(b) consider the importance of geographically diverse rural economic development when procuring renewable energy credits; and

(c) consider the importance of dispatch ability, seasonality, and other attributes of the eligible renewable resource contained in the commission's supply procurement rules when considering the procurement of renewable energy or renewable energy credits.

(2) A public utility that intends to enter into contracts of less than 10 years in duration shall demonstrate to the commission that these contracts will provide a lower long-term cost of meeting the standard established in 69-3-2004.

(3)(a) Contracts signed for projects located in Montana must require all contractors to give preference to the employment of bona fide Montana residents, as defined in 18-2-401, in the performance of the work on the projects if the Montana residents have substantially equal qualifications to those of nonresidents.

(b) Contracts signed for projects located in Montana must require all contractors to pay the standard prevailing rate of wages for heavy construction, as provided in 18-2-414, during the construction phase of the project.

(4) All contracts signed by a public utility to meet the requirements of this part are eligible for advanced approval under procedures established by the commission. Upon advanced approval by the commission, these contracts are eligible for cost recovery from ratepayers, except that nothing in this part limits the commission's ability to subsequently, in any future cost-recovery proceeding, inquire into the manner in which the public utility has managed the contract and to disallow cost recovery if the contract was not reasonably administered.

(5) A public utility or competitive electricity supplier shall submit renewable energy procurement plans to the commission in accordance with rules adopted by the commission. The plans must be submitted to the commission on or before:

(a) June 1, ~~2013~~ 2017, for the standard required in ~~69-3-2004(4)~~ 69-3-2004(3)(a)(i); ~~and~~

(b) June 1, 2018, for the standard required in 69-3-2004(3)(a)(ii);

(c) June 1, 2024, for the standard required in 69-3-2004(3)(a)(iii);

(d) June 1, 2039, for the standard required in 69-3-2004(3)(a)(iv); and

~~(b)~~(e) any additional future dates as required by the commission.

(6) A public utility or competitive electricity supplier shall submit annual reports, in a format to be determined by the commission, demonstrating compliance with this part for each compliance year. The reports must be filed by March 1 of the year following the compliance year.

(7) For the purpose of implementing this part, the commission has regulatory authority over competitive electricity suppliers."

Section 5. Section 69-3-2006, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-3-2006. Commission authority -- rulemaking authority. (1) The commission has the authority to generally implement and enforce the provisions of this part.

(2) The commission shall adopt rules before ~~June 1, 2006~~ June 1, 2017, to:

(a) select a renewable energy credit tracking system to verify compliance with this part;

(b) establish a system by which renewable resources become certified as eligible renewable resources;

(c) define the process by which waivers from full compliance with this part may be granted;

(d) establish procedures under which contracts for eligible renewable resources and renewable energy credits may receive advanced approval;

(e) define the requirements governing renewable energy procurement plans and annual reports; ~~and~~

(f) establish maximum retail rate impacts in accordance with [section 7]; and

~~(f)~~(g) generally implement and enforce the provisions of this part.

(3) The commission may adopt rules to ensure that the calculation of energy generation and the renewable energy credits for eligible renewable resources under 69-3-2003(10)(d)(iii) and (10)(d)(iv) reflects the actual electrical production from the expansion as typically reduced by seasonal water conditions."

Section 6. Section 69-3-2008, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-3-2008. Cooperative utility -- exemption -- standard. (1) ~~A~~ Except as provided in [section 8] and subsection (2) of this section, a cooperative utility is exempt from the graduated renewable energy standard established in 69-3-2004.

(2)(a) Each governing body of a cooperative utility ~~that has 5,000 or more customers~~ that serves 100 or more meters or is a generation and transmission cooperative as defined in 35-18-318 is responsible for implementing and enforcing a renewable energy standard for that cooperative utility or that generation and transmission cooperative that recognizes the intent of the legislature and the people of Montana to encourage new renewable energy production and rural economic development, while taking into consideration the effect of the standard on rates, reliability, jobs, and financial resources.

(b) To meet the requirements of subsection (2)(a), a cooperative utility or generation and transmission cooperative shall comply with [section 8]."

NEW SECTION. **Section 7. Cost caps -- retail rates.** (1)(a) The commission shall establish a maximum retail rate impact for each public utility and competitive electricity supplier required to meet the standards established in 69-3-2004(2) and (3).

(b) The retail rate impact may be no more than 2% of the total electric bill annually for each customer.

(c) The retail rate impact must be determined net of new eligible renewable resources of electricity supply from energy resources that are not eligible renewable resources and are reasonably available at the time of the determination.

(2) Subject to the maximum retail rate impact permitted by this section, a public utility or competitive electricity supplier may determine the price paid for renewable energy credits from customer-generators as defined in 69-8-103. The public utility or competitive electricity supplier may not discriminate in determining the price paid for renewable energy credits.

NEW SECTION. **Section 8. Renewable energy requirements -- voluntary participation -- cooperative duties.** (1)(a) Beginning within the year after December 31, 2016, the governing body of a cooperative utility as defined in 69-3-2003 shall, once every four years, provide a secret mail ballot to each cooperative utility member.

(b) The ballot must be submitted to the cooperative utility members in substantially the following form, but may include other questions:

(i) Shall (insert name of cooperative utility) voluntarily comply with section 69-3-2004 of the Montana Renewable Power Production and Rural Economic Development Act in accordance with 69-3-2008 by procuring (insert relevant percentage obtained from 69-3-2004) % of the power used to serve utility customers from eligible renewable resources by (insert relevant year five years from the date of the poll)?

[] YES.

[] NO.

(ii) As a member of (insert name of cooperative utility), will you commit to purchasing for (insert price) per kWh, electricity generated from an eligible renewable resource as defined in 69-3-2003 regardless of what type of electric generation is utilized to serve other members?

[] YES.

[] NO.]

(c) If by a majority of the mail ballots returned to the cooperative, the cooperative membership votes to voluntarily comply with 69-3-2004, the governing body of the cooperative must take steps to bring the cooperative into compliance.

(2)(a) A cooperative utility shall semi-annually mail to its customers an offer to purchase, in lieu of power from the utility's fossil fuel power portfolio, a product composed of or supporting, in whole or in part, power from an eligible renewable resource as defined in 69-3-2003 at, notwithstanding subsection (3)(a) of this section, whatever price is available.

(b) The semi-annual offer may be included in a cooperative utility customer's regular bill.

(c) If a customer purchases a product pursuant to subsection (2)(a) and the cooperative utility is voluntarily complying with standards established in 69-3-2004 and 69-3-2008, the purchases may be used by the cooperative utility in meeting the voluntary compliance standards.

(3)(a) Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), the retail rate impact of a cooperative utility's voluntary compliance with 69-3-2004 and 69-3-2008 may be no more than 2% of the total electric bill annually for each customer.

(b) Subject to it being ratified by a majority of those voting at a cooperative annual meeting, or by a majority of the mail ballots on the question returned by cooperative members, the governing body of a cooperative utility may agree by a majority vote to exceed the retail rate impact provided for in subsection (3)(a).

(4) If a governing board of a cooperative utility that is a member of a generation and transmission cooperative as defined in 35-18-318 requests that the generation and transmission cooperative offer the member cooperative utility the opportunity to purchase their load ratio share of the generation and transmission cooperative's electricity supply from an eligible renewable resource, the generation and transmission cooperative shall accommodate the member cooperative utility's request. The request must comply with 35-18-318 and the request may be enforced at the discretion of a court via a motion by any cooperative member for an affirmative injunction compelling compliance.

(5) (a) If a cooperative utility, whose members wish to purchase energy generated by eligible renewable resources, is limited in its ability to acquire eligible renewable resources by a requirements contract with a generation and transmission cooperative as defined in 35-18-318 or other supplier of electricity, the cooperative utility or other supplier must acquire whatever amount allowed by the contract that will fulfill or partially fulfill the members' request.

b) Contracts with a cooperative consenting to voluntarily comply with 69-3-2004(2) or (3) are subject to 69-3-2004(12).

NEW SECTION. **Section 9**. **Coal Severance Tax Gradual Replacement Tax.**

(1) [Section 9] may be cited as the "Coal Severance Tax Gradual Replacement Tax."

(2) As society transfers to energy generation using less coal, revenue which now comes from the coal severance tax will be lost. It is the policy of the state of Montana to replace it by an electrical production tax found in subsections (4) through (7), passed through to in-state and out-of-state energy consumers who will benefit by the transition to cleaner, lower cost methods of producing electricity.

(3) The tax rates found in subsection (4) have been determined as follows:

(a) In 2015, the coal severance tax brought in $60,891,414. About 23% of Montana's coal is used to produce electricity here.

(b) Reducing that $60,891,414 amount by 23% and further reducing that amount by 80% produces an estimate that coal tax revenue would be reduced by $11,204,020 per year in 2050 if Montanans transition to 80% renewable electricity by then.

(c) To produce $11,204,020 in revenue it would require a tax on annual Montana electricity production (i.e., 21.4 billion kWh) of $0.00053 per kilowatt hour (kWh).

(d) Since the loss of coal tax severance revenue will be gradual over the years between 2017 and 2050, the electricity production tax to replace it can be phased in. It will require a $0.000021 per kilowatt hour (kWh) tax on electricity production to replace the estimated $448,161 coal tax revenue lost in 2017 as the transition begins; a slightly higher rate found in subsection (4)(b) through (4)(d) will be needed in subsequent years.

(e) Thus, to cover coal severance tax revenue loss, Montanans intend that the electric production tax used as a substitute, would cost a consumer using 1000 kWh of electricity a month, $0.26/year in years 2017 & 2018, $1.01/year in years 2019 through 2025, $2.69/year in years 2025 through 2050, and $6.36 a year thereafter. The Coal Severance Tax Gradual Replacement Tax for consumers using 2000 kWh of electricity a month, that is, twice the amount of electricity, will cost twice these amounts in taxes, and so on. The savings from eliminating fuel costs, which include the coal severance tax being replaced, are intended to exceed the cost of the replacement tax.

(4) Beginning January 1, 2017, subject to the provision of subsection 6, each person engaged in the generation, manufacture, or production of electricity in Montana (also known as the "producer" in statutes referenced in subsection (7)) shall on or before the 30th day after each quarter ending March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 render to the department of revenue a statement showing the gross amount required to produce the electricity generated during the preceding quarter without any deduction and shall pay a license tax on this electricity, measured at the place of production and as shown on the statement required, in the manner and within the time provided in the provisions referenced in subsection (7), in the sum of:

(a) $0.000021 per kilowatt hour (kWh) for the years 2017 and 2018;

(b) $0.000084 per kilowatt hour for the years 2019 through 2025;

(c) $0.000224 per kilowatt hour for the years 2026 through 2050;

(d) $0.00053 per kilowatt hour for the year 2051 and each year thereafter.

(5) For purposes of subsection (4), the generation, manufacture, or production of electricity includes but is not limited to water power, wind, solar, coal, natural gas, geothermal, coalbed methane, or any other means of electricity generation for barter, sale, or exchange. Electricity that is reasonably used for the production of the electricity is not included.

(6) Persons with a group of generating units rated less than 3 megawatts of generating capacity are not required to render a statement or to remit an electrical energy production tax to the department of revenue on the production of those generating units. ~~If a generating unit or group of units is net metered through a metering system showing gross energy production and has a capacity rating of 30 kW or higher, the utility to which the unit is metered shall include the electricity production of the generating unit in its report to the department of revenue and remit the required license tax on that production. The utility may include in its bill to the net metered customer an amount equal to the tax remitted for that customer's production and non-net kWh used.~~

(7) The tax in subsections (4) and (5) must be administered pursuant to the provisions of 15-51-102, 15-51-103, 15-51-104, 15-51-106, and 15-51-109 through 15-51-114.

(8) The amounts collected pursuant to this [Section 9] must be treated as if they had been collected from the coal severance tax.

NEW SECTION. **Section 10. Short Title.** [Sections 10 through 20] may be cited as the "Displaced Fossil Fuel Worker Retraining Act."

NEW SECTION. **Section 11**. **Policy.** (1) This chapter establishes an affirmative policy to enable the retraining of displaced fossil fuel workers. This includes but is not limited to providing necessary counseling, training, jobs services, and health care for displaced fossil fuel workers and their families as society transitions to a new energy economy embracing renewable energy. This chapter also establishes a safety net for fossil fuel pensioners by augmenting pensions that are not fully funded because the pensioners' employers are bankrupt or defunct.

(2) To defray all costs of the displaced fossil fuel worker and fossil fuel pensioner programs, it is the policy of the state of Montana to assess the electricity production tax in [section 20(1)(a) & (c)], passed through to in-state and out-of-state energy consumers who will benefit by the transition to methods of producing electricity which eliminate the fossil fuel cost component from the utility bill. The policy includes, for example, for a consumer using 1000 kWh of electricity a month, a cost of $0.20/month or $2.40/year for 5 years (or multiples thereof for greater use), and assessments only as needed in subsequent years.

NEW SECTION. **Section 12**. **Definitions.** As used in this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Coal company" means an entity licensed to do business in Montana and engaged in the business of mining coal.

(2) "Department" means the department of labor and industry provided for in 2-15-1701.

(3) "Displaced fossil fuel worker" means a person who:

(a) has worked for a coal company, railroad company, or utility company in Montana for at least 24 months prior to losing a full-time job or a part-time job as defined in 39-11-103, whether year-round or seasonal employment with the company, because the company downsized its workforce by reducing output from or closing Montana coal mines, or Montana electrical generating plants, or by reducing the amount of coal hauled in Montana by rail; and

(b) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty obtaining appropriate or suitable employment.

(4) "Displaced fossil fuel workers' fund" means the fund created pursuant to [Section 20 ~~11~~] which must be:

(a) a fund containing a dedicated revenue provision as defined in 17-1-502(3);

(b) a state special revenue fund as defined in 17-2-102(1)(b), and

(c) administered in accordance with 17-8-101(2).

(5) "Fossil fuel pensioner" means a person who:

(a) has worked for a coal or utility company in Montana or worked hauling coal in Montana for a railroad; and

(b) is drawing a pension or other retirement benefit incurred by a coal, utility, or railroad company or is entitled to draw a pension or other retirement benefit as a result of that work.

(6) "Railroad company" means a corporation licensed to do business in Montana and doing business in Montana that transports coal mined in Montana by rail to an electric generating facility either inside or outside of Montana.

(7) "Utility company" means an investor-owned electric or gas utility, rural electric cooperative, electric generation or transmission company, or municipally-owned electric or gas utility licensed to do business in Montana and doing business in Montana that owns or operates a coal-fired or natural gas-fired electric generating facility or a part of such facility.

NEW SECTION. **Section 13. Rulemaking.** The department may adopt rules concerning:

(1) eligibility of persons who may be served by the program established under [Section 16];

(2) a graduated fee schedule for program services;

(3) criteria for making grants as provided for in this chapter;
(4) benefits available under this chapter with benefits available under the Primary Sector Business Workforce Training Act; and
(5) provisions necessary to carry out this chapter.

NEW SECTION. **Section 14. Duties of department.** The department shall:
(1) conduct studies regarding the changing employment needs and problems of displaced fossil fuel workers in Montana and make recommendations to the governor and the legislature;
(2) serve as a clearinghouse for information and materials pertinent to programs and services available to assist and advise displaced fossil fuel workers on employment and related matters;
(3) conduct periodic conferences throughout the state to make displaced fossil fuel workers aware of the available non-fossil fuel related employment opportunities, programs, and services;
(4) at not more than four locations, serve as the permanent agency for the coordination and evaluation of employment programs and services for displaced fossil fuel workers in the state and as a planning agency for the development of those services;
(5) encourage displaced fossil fuel workers' organizations and other groups to institute local self-help activities designed to meet displaced fossil fuel workers' employment and related needs; and
(6) apply for and receive grants, appropriations, or gifts from any federal, state, or local agency, private foundation, or individual, including but not limited to funding from "The Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative," to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. **Section 15. Multipurpose service programs for displaced fossil fuel workers -- administrators.** (1) The department may establish multipurpose service programs described in [section 16] for displaced fossil fuel workers.
(2) The department may enter into contracts with and make grants to nonprofit agencies or organizations to establish, organize, and administer the programs described in [section 16].
(3) The department may contract with an administrator for each program.

NEW SECTION. **Section 16. Programs to aid displaced fossil fuel workers and fossil fuel pensioners.** (1) The department shall develop programs in cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies and private employers to aid displaced fossil fuel workers.
(2) The services offered to displaced fossil fuel workers through the programs may include but are not limited to:
(a) job counseling services that are:
(i) specifically designed for displaced fossil fuel workers by taking into account and building upon their skills and experiences; and
(ii) operated to counsel displaced fossil fuel workers with respect to appropriate job opportunities;
(b) job training and job placement services that:
(i) include training and placement programs for jobs in the public, private, and renewable energy sectors;
(ii) assist displaced fossil fuel workers in gaining admission to existing public or private job training and educational programs; and
(iii) assist in identifying community needs and creating new jobs in the public and private sectors;
(c) referral to or development of programs for displaced fossil fuel workers in cooperation with local agencies that provide information and assistance with respect to health care, financial matters, education, nutrition, and legal issues;
(d) support services, including but not limited to:
(i) child care for preschool children;
(ii) transportation assistance; and
(iii) grants for education; and
(e) development of outreach programs to serve rural areas where needs for such programs have been identified.
(3) Workers who are participating in an approved program to retrain and re-employ displaced fossil fuel workers and who have started a program within 3 months of becoming displaced or as soon as a program was offered to them, whichever event occurs first, must:
(a) have the workers' training paid for from the displaced fossil fuel workers' fund or other state, federal, or privately funded program augmenting the displaced fossil fuel workers' fund;
(b) receive from the displaced fossil fuel workers' fund, during the workers' training period, after expiration of any unemployment benefits to which they are entitled to pursuant to 39-51-2116 and 39-51-2201 through 39-51-2208, (or in the case of railroad workers, after expiration of any unemployment benefits they are entitled pursuant to the federal Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C.351, et seq.), an additional benefit amount equal to the unemployment benefit they have been receiving, subject to the limitations of subsections (3)(d), (4) and (5) of this section, but not to exceed 100% of the average weekly wage used to calculate unemployment benefits for the displaced fossil fuel worker;
(c) receive from the displaced fossil fuel workers' fund, subject to the limitations of subsection (3)(d), (4) and (5), during the workers' training period, in addition to any unemployment benefits to which they are entitled to pursuant to 39-51-2116 and 39-51-2201 through 39-51-2208, (or in the case of railroad workers, in addition to any unemployment benefits which they are entitled to pursuant to the federal Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C.351, et seq.),an additional benefit amount equal to 20% of the benefits to which they are entitled pursuant to 39-51-2116 and 39-51-2201 through 39-51-2208, (or 45 U.S.C.351, et seq.), or subsection (3)(b) and (4) of this section, not to exceed 100% of the average weekly wage used to calculate unemployment benefits for the displaced fossil fuel worker; and
(d) receive an extension of benefits received pursuant to [Section 16] for a retraining period not to exceed 2 years from the date retraining started.
(4) The re-employment period during which a displaced fossil fuel worker is entitled to benefits after retraining has been

completed may not extend beyond 12 weeks after the training is complete or until the worker obtains employment, whichever occurs first.

(5) If federal law changes to increase unemployment benefits from those in effect for workers on January 1, 2017, the amount to which displaced fossil fuel workers are entitled under this section must not exceed 100% of the average weekly wage used to calculate unemployment benefits for the displaced fossil fuel worker.

(6) If a pension plan of a fossil fuel pensioner, or other retirement obligation incurred by a coal, utility, or railroad company to a fossil fuel pensioner has been determined by the department to be insufficient to pay the fossil fuel pensioner the pension earned, money from the displaced fossil fuel workers' fund must be paid monthly, as a deficiency payment, to the fossil fuel pensioner to make up the difference.

NEW SECTION. **Section 17. Acceptance of funds by administrator of local program.** The administrator of a local displaced fossil fuel workers' program may accept, use, and dispose of all grants or contributions of money, services, and property for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter. The grants, contributions, or in-kind contributions may come from a local or other government.

NEW SECTION. **Section 18**. **Evaluation of multipurpose service programs -- reports to the department -- rulemaking.** (1) The administrator of each designated program established under this chapter shall annually report to the department. The department shall adopt rules regarding the report, including rules requiring the report to contain:

(a) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program's job counseling, training, placement referral, support, and outreach services to displaced fossil fuel workers; and

(b) an accounting of all expenditures.

NEW SECTION. **Section 19. Staff of service programs.** To the extent possible, supervisory, technical, and administrative positions in the displaced fossil fuel workers' programs must be filled by displaced fossil fuel workers.

NEW SECTION. **Section 20. Funding from energy sector.** (1)(a) Beginning January 1, 2017, subject to the provision of subsection (1)(d), each person or other organization now engaged in the generation, manufacture, or production of electricity in Montana (also known as the "producer" in statutes referenced in subsection (1)(c)), shall on or before the 30th day after each quarter ending March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, render to the department of revenue a statement showing the gross amount, except for actual and necessary plant use, required to produce the electricity generated during the preceding quarter without any deduction and shall pay a license tax on all the electricity, measured at the place of production and as shown on the statement required in the manner and within the time provided in the provisions referenced in subsection (1)(c), in the sum of $0.0002 per kilowatt hour (kWh).

(b) For purposes of subsection (1)(a), the generation, manufacture, or production of electricity includes but is not limited to water power, wind, solar, coal, natural gas, geothermal, coalbed methane, or any other means of electricity generation for barter, sale, or exchange. Electricity that is reasonably used for the production of the electricity is not included.

(c) The tax in subsection (1)(a) must be administered pursuant to the provisions of 15-51-102, 15-51-103, 15-51-104, 15-51-106, and 15-51-109 through 15-51-114.

(d) Persons or entities whose combined generating units are rated less than 3 megawatts of generating capacity are not required to render a statement or to remit an electrical energy production tax to the department of revenue on the production of their generating units. ~~However, if a generating unit or group of units is net metered via a metering system showing gross energy production and has a capacity rating of 30 kW or greater, the utility to which the unit is metered shall include the electricity production of the generating unit in its report to the department of revenue and remit the required license tax on that production. The utility may include in its bill to the net metered customer an amount equal to the tax remitted for that customer's production and for non-net kWh used.~~

(2) Subject to temporary assessments made pursuant to subsection (8), on January 1, 2022, the tax assessed in subsection (1) must cease unless the legislature determines that the tax is needed to make good on obligations to displaced fossil fuel workers, or fossil fuel pensioners.

(3) The amounts collected pursuant to subsection (1) must be placed in the displaced fossil fuel workers' fund and the principle and interest in that fund may be used to finance the "Displaced Fossil fuel Worker Retraining Act."

(4) Funds used to administer the unemployment insurance program may not be used to collect or distribute any of the revenue to or from the displaced fossil fuel workers' fund or to otherwise fund any multipurpose service program unless permission to use funds in such a manner is first approved by the U.S. Department of Labor or allowed under federal law, and such use will not endanger any part of the unemployment insurance program. If funding from a U.S. Department of Labor grant, The Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization Initiative, or other funding source becomes available to finance administrative expenses, the Department may use the funding. Otherwise, all costs of administering this chapter must be paid for from funds raised as a result of this chapter.

(5) If at any time the money in the displaced fossil fuel workers' fund will not defray the costs of benefits under this program, the department may borrow money to defray those costs and repay the loan from future assessments made pursuant to this section.

(6) The displaced fossil fuel workers' fund must be maintained until:

(a) the department determines that there are no fossil fuel workers potentially eligible for retraining;

(b) the department determines that there are no fossil fuel pensioners potentially eligible for pension deficiency payments; and

(c) there are no outstanding loans created pursuant to subsection (5) to be paid off.

(7) Excess money remaining in the displaced fossil fuel workers' fund at the time that assessment is discontinued must be transferred to the coal severance tax permanent fund.

(8) (a) If, as determined by the department, there are outstanding loans to be paid off under this section or costs of administering this act that will not be paid off within three years by revenue raised pursuant to assessments made pursuant to subsection (1) and the

interest on that revenue or by other revenue generating provisions of this section, a temporary assessment of $0.0002 per kilowatt hour must be added to the tax collected pursuant to subsection (1).

(b) When the department determines there are no outstanding loans to be paid off under this section, the temporary assessment levied pursuant to subsection 8(a) must cease.

NEW SECTION. **Section 21. Short Title.** [Sections 21 through 31] may be cited as the "Lost Tribal Coal Royalty Replacement Act."

NEW SECTION. **Section 22**. **Policy.** (1) This chapter establishes an affirmative policy to enable the replacement of coal royalty tribal revenue reduced as society transitions to a new energy economy embracing renewable energy.

(2) To defray loss of coal royalty revenue a tribe no longer receives because society is burning less fossil fuel, it is the policy of the state of Montana to assess the electricity production tax in [section ??(1)(a) & (c)], passed through to in-state and out-of-state energy consumers who will benefit by the transition to methods of producing electricity which eliminate the fossil fuel cost component from the utility bill. The policy includes, for example, for a consumer using 1000 kWh of electricity a month, a cost of $0.??/month or $??/year for 5 years (or multiples thereof for greater use), and assessments only as needed in subsequent years.

NEW SECTION. **Section 23**. **Definitions.** As used in this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Coal company" means an entity licensed to do business in Montana and engaged in the business of mining coal.

(2) "Department" means the department of revenue provided for in ??.

(3) "Lost tribal coal royalty replacement fund" means the fund created pursuant to [Section (31)] which must be:

(a) a fund containing a dedicated revenue provision as defined in 17-1-502(3);

(b) a state special revenue fund as defined in 17-2-102(1)(b), and

(c) administered in accordance with 17-8-101(2).

(4) "Utility company" means an investor-owned electric or gas utility, rural electric cooperative, electric generation or transmission company, or municipally-owned electric or gas utility licensed to do business in Montana and doing business in Montana that owns or operates a coal-fired or natural gas-fired electric generating facility or a part of such facility.

NEW SECTION. **Section 24. Rulemaking.** The department may adopt rules concerning:

(1) eligibility of tribes who may be served by the program established under [Sections 26 & 27];

(2) criteria for making royalty reimbursements as provided for in this chapter; and

(3) provisions necessary to carry out this chapter.

NEW SECTION. **Section 25. Duties of department.** The department shall:

(1) conduct studies regarding the changing needs and problems of tribes affected by the loss of coal royalty revenue in Montana and make recommendations to the governor and the legislature;

(2) serve as a clearinghouse for information and materials pertinent to programs and services available to assist and advise tribes on the loss of coal royalty revenue and related matters;

(3) conduct periodic conferences to make tribes affected by the loss of royalty revenue from coal aware of the available non-fossil fuel related development opportunities, programs, and services;

(4) encourage organizations and other groups to institute local self-help activities designed to meet problems brought about by declining coal royalty revenue and related needs; and

(5) apply for and receive grants, appropriations, or gifts from any federal, state, or local agency, private foundation, or individual, including but not limited to funding from "The Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative," to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. **Section 26. Multipurpose service programs for those affected by lost coal royalty revenue -- administrators.** (1) The department may establish multipurpose service programs described in [section 27] for the amelioration of lost coal royalty revenue.

(2) The department may enter into contracts with and make grants to nonprofit agencies or organizations to establish, organize, and administer the programs described in [section 27].

(3) The department may contract with an administrator for each program.

NEW SECTION. Section 27. **Programs to ameliorate the loss of coal royalty revenue.** (1) The department shall develop programs in cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies and private employers for tribes facing revenue decline resulting from the loss of coal royalty revenue.

(2) Tribes who are participating in an approved program to replace lost coal royalty revenue must:

(a) receive from the lost tribal coal royalty revenue fund as determined by the department,

(b) cooperate with the department in developing revenue generating programs to offset coal royalty losses.

(3) The department shall:

(i) evaluate the amount of annual coal royalty lost based on coal reserves and existing contracts;

(ii) evaluate the effect of other programs to build renewable energy production or storage facilities, or other revenue producing facilities on tribal land, in offsetting the loss of coal royalty revenue; and

(iii) subtract from the amount granted for the loss of coal royalty, any offsetting economic factors.

NEW SECTION. Section 28**. Acceptance of funds by tribe.** The duly elected governing body of a tribe participating in the program to replace lost tribal coal royalty revenue may accept, use, and dispose of all grants or contributions of money, services, and property for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter. The grants, contributions, or in-kind contributions may come from a local or other government.

NEW SECTION. **Section 29**. **Evaluation of multipurpose service programs -- reports to the department -- rulemaking.** (1) The administrator of each designated program established under this chapter shall annually report to the department. The department shall adopt rules regarding the report, including rules requiring the report to contain:

(a) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program in replacing lost coal royalty revenue; and

(b) an accounting of all expenditures.

NEW SECTION. **Section 30. Staff of service programs.** To the extent possible, supervisory, technical, and administrative positions in the loss of coal royalty revenue programs must be filled by tribal members.

NEW SECTION. **Section** 31**. Funding from energy sector.** (1)(a) Beginning January 1, 2017, subject to the provision of subsection (1)(d), each person or other organization now engaged in the generation, manufacture, or production of electricity in Montana (also known as the "producer" in statutes referenced in subsection (1)(c)), shall on or before the 30th day after each quarter ending March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, render to the department of revenue a statement showing the gross amount, except for actual and necessary plant use, required to produce the electricity generated during the preceding quarter without any deduction and shall pay a license tax on all the electricity, measured at the place of production and as shown on the statement required in the manner and within the time provided in the provisions referenced in subsection (1)(c), in the sum of $0.0002 (??) per kilowatt hour (kWh).

(b) For purposes of subsection (1)(a), the generation, manufacture, or production of electricity includes but is not limited to water power, wind, solar, coal, natural gas, geothermal, coalbed methane, or any other means of electricity generation for barter, sale, or exchange. Electricity that is reasonably used for the production of the electricity is not included.

(c) The tax in subsection (1)(a) must be administered pursuant to the provisions of 15-51-102, 15-51-103, 15-51-104, 15-51-106, and 15-51-109 through 15-51-114.

(d) Persons or entities whose combined generating units are rated less than 3 megawatts of generating capacity are not required to render a statement or to remit an electrical energy production tax to the department of revenue on the production of their generating units.

(2) Subject to temporary assessments made pursuant to subsection (8), on January 1, 2022, the tax assessed in subsection (1) must cease unless the legislature determines that the tax is needed to make good on obligations to tribes participating in the lost tribal coal royalty programs.

(3) The amounts collected pursuant to subsection (1) must be placed in the lost tribal coal royalty fund and the principle and interest in that fund may be used to finance the "Lost Tribal Coal Royalty Replacement Act."

(4) All costs of administering this chapter must be paid for from funds raised as a result of this chapter.

(5) The lost tribal coal royalty fund must be maintained until the department determines that there are no longer lost coal royalties to be reimbursed

(7) Excess money remaining in the lost tribal coal royalty fund at the time that assessment is discontinued must be transferred to the coal severance tax permanent fund.

NEW SECTION. **Section 32 ~~21~~. {standard} Repealer**. The following section of the Montana Code Annotated is repealed:

69-3-2007. Cost caps.

NEW SECTION. **Section 33 ~~22~~. {standard} Codification instruction.** (1) [Section 7] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 69, chapter 3, part 20, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter 3, part 20, apply to [section 7].

(2) [Section 8] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 35, chapter 18, part 3, and the provisions of Title 35, chapter 18, part 3, apply to [section 8].

(3) [Section 9] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 15 and the provisions of Title 15 apply to [section 9].

(4) [Sections 10 through 20] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 39, and the provisions of Title 39 apply to [sections 10 through 20].

NEW SECTION. **Section 34 ~~23~~. {standard} Severability.** If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

NEW SECTION. **Section 35 ~~24~~. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective January 1, 2017.

EXPLANATION OF I-180

80% renewable electricity: To reduce atmospheric CO2 levels that are heating up the earth, I-180 will take Montana's investor-owned utilities gradually to 80% renewable electricity by 2050. It will increase renewables from the present 15% to 19% by 2018. Between 2019 and 2025 renewable energy provided by investor-owned utilities will increase by 3% per year. From 2026 through 2040 renewables will increase by 2% per year. From 2041 through 2050 renewables will increase by 1% per year. A higher percentage of transition is required initially to coincide with the ability to take advantage of renewable energy tax credits which are being phased out.

Benefits of 80% section: The gradual increase over 33 years will allow utilities to plan and to depreciate their fossil fuel generating assets. It will allow fossil fuel work forces to be downsized gradually as a result of retirements and other labor transitions. It will reduce atmospheric CO2 to levels the overwhelming majority of climate scientists deem necessary to limit man-caused climate change. And, because it will require 50% renewables by 2030, it will help meet America's Clean Power Plan. Whether this will be enough depends on what happens regarding electricity exported from Montana.

Displaced fossil fuel workers section: I-180 will provide for up to 2 years of retraining with full unemployment benefits plus an additional 20% of those benefits for displaced fossil fuel workers employed by coal mines, power plants and railroads. And it will make up any deficiency in a pension payments promised to workers by defunct coal mines or fossil fuel generating plants.

Effect of I-180 on jobs: Approximately 1300 coal miners work in Montana. Twenty-three percent of the coal they mine goes to produce electricity in Montana. So gradually, by 2050, 80% of the 23% of mining jobs will be affected by this initiative. Many of the other coal mining jobs will be affected by the transition away from coal generated power in surrounding states and countries.

Approximately 500 workers toil in Montana's coal generating facilities. Between 30 to 100 railroad workers haul coal here. Much of the power they produce or haul goes out of state. Thus, **approximately 23% of 1900 jobs, that is, a total of 437 jobs will be lost by I-180 over 33 years.**

Tax to pay for displaced worker benefits: To pay for increased benefits to displaced fossil fuel workers I-180 levies a fair tax on all electricity production — that produced by the wind and sun as well as by fossil fuel. The tax will be paid by all Montana electricity consumers as well as out-of-state consumers to whom Montana plants export electricity. **It will cost consumers who use 1000 kilowatt hours of electricity a month (i.e., more than the average user) $2.40 a year ($0.0002/kWh) for the 5 years it is levied.** Then the tax will cease unless it is re-levied for short periods to pay for worker benefits. The fiscal note projects that $20.3 million will be raised to support these benefits through 2021.

Effect on other Montana jobs if we fail to curb CO2 emissions: Climate change already affects jobs in Montana's agriculture, skiing, fishing, health, and tourism industries and jobs elsewhere. For example, in Syria a 4 year prolonged, unusual drought destroyed many Syrian farms and fueled civil war. It's a war like those our defense establishment warns we can look forward to in other countries as global warming gets worse. The World Bank and others project millions of climate migrants worldwide (like those from Syria) as sea levels rise, storms get more violent, wild fires become more prevalent, and deserts expand if we do not address global warming. So, it is fair to expect us all to pay $2.40 a year, etc. (that is, a tax of $0.0002/kWh) to bring climate justice to fossil fuel workers displaced because we need to have them shift jobs to bring climate justice to our other neighbors on this planet.

Replacing Montana's Coal Severance Tax: I-180 also levies a small electricity production tax to replace Montana's Coal Severance Tax revenues. That revenue will dwindle gradually. So, the replacement tax will rise, as coal use declines. To start, consumers (using 1000 kWh of electricity) will pay $0.26/year to replace Coal Tax revenue. The replacement tax will rise gradually to $6.36/year in 2050, (that is, a top tax rate of $0.00053/kWh of electricity produced). While it is difficult to match replacement taxes with the revenues to be replaced, the fiscal note projects the tax to supplant declining coal severance tax revenues, will increase the 2017-2021 general fund by an average of $65,805/year more than the coal tax would have produced during that period.

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Economic benefits of I-180: Since contracts for solar and wind generated power are already being signed for less than coal-generated electricity, the savings from eliminating the fossil fuel costs presently charged utility consumers are expected to be much greater than the taxes needed to protect displaced fossil fuel workers and replace lost Coal Severance Tax Revenue.

Limit on costs of transition to clean energy: I-180 carries a cap limiting the cost of transitioning to renewable energy to not more than 2% increase in electricity prices. This is similar to the language in Colorado law which is working well and not preventing installation of renewable energy in all Colorado utilities required to meet that states' 20% and 30% renewable energy standards which are higher than Montana's current requirement.

Electric Co-op provisions: There is no mandatory requirement that rural electric cooperatives, and municipal electric systems meet the renewable energy standards. However, I-180 requires them to poll their members every 4 years to see if they want to comply voluntarily. Cooperative utilities must offer clean power at market prices to their members. In addition, the initiative imposes some restrictions on new energy supply contracts so the practice of locking-in dirty power for years will be curtailed.

Protections for those lease purchasing renewable energy systems: Likewise, I-180 carries contractual protections so that those lease-purchasing residential and business renewable energy systems will not be surprised by having to buy their rooftop solar systems more than once. This avoids the practice of current investor owned utilities who have manipulated deregulation and reregulation so that Montanans have had to pay for utility property more than once. In the past that has created a cash cow for utility insiders and their financiers, which legislators and regulators have failed to curtail.

Consumer participation in transition: I-180 revises the definition of "community renewable energy projects" to allow more participation in the transition to clean energy by residential energy customers, school districts, and communities wishing to reduce their energy bills. However if despite this change, utilities persist in keeping the benefits of sun and wind power to themselves, judicial clarification or further changes in the law may be needed to produce the intended effect of facilitating consumer generation of distributed energy.

Other benefits of I-180: If Montana expects to sell power outside of Montana it must meet the renewable energy standards already enacted in 21 surrounding states. Failure to have a greater than 15% mix of renewably generated electrons on the grid will prevent electricity sales to states like California, Oregon, Colorado, Minnesota, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico and Kansas. If Montana industry expects to compete with countries (like Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Sweden, Costa Rica, and China) and states (like California, Texas, Minnesota, and Iowa) that are eliminating more and more fossil fuel costs as a component of their energy prices, we will have to keep pace by installing more renewable energy generating capacity. Otherwise energy prices will help make Montana products uncompetitive.

Effect of I-180 on NorthWestern Energy: NorthWestern says 44% of its current generation comes from its hydro facilities (which are not "eligible renewable resources" under current law) and 13% comes from "eligible renewable resources" (mostly wind turbines). This initiative is written to preserve the requirement that pre-2005 hydro resources, which have been supplying clean electrons for a century, are not included in the definition of "eligible renewable resources" until the combination of pre-2005 hydro resources and "eligible renewable resources" reaches the target of 80%. When NorthWestern adds the required 23% more "eligible renewable resources" needed by 2025 to reduce CO2 emissions, the combination will reach 80%. At that time NorthWestern will be able to count its pre-2005 hydro resources for purposes of demonstrating compliance with the 80% standard. Any other construction would not benefit consumers while also reducing CO2.

Interim legislative committee: I-180 creates an interim legislative committee in 2021 to review the law and procedure set forth in the initiative and adjust it if need be.

To sign the I-180 petition or help gather signatures, send us an email with your contact information at admin@mtcares.org To find out more visit us at www.mtcares.org

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: wwranch@3rivers.net
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 4:02 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: [Fwd: Coal workers do not deserve to pay the costs of transitioning away from coal]
Attachments: untitled-[2].html

fyi, from Sierra Club on side of workers....kind of interesting since some might vilify environmentalists

---------- Original Message ----------
Subject: Coal workers do not deserve to pay the costs of transitioning away from coal
From: "Sierra Club" <reply@emails.sierraclub.org>
Date: Wed, August 24, 2016 3:50 pm
To: wwranch@3rivers.net

Greetings Rich,

As Montana inevitably shifts away from carbon-intensive sources of energy to clean sources of energy, it is incumbent upon policymakers to thoughtfully plan for the transition in order to minimize potential disruptions to our economy, society, and environment.

In July, the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) of the Montana Legislature unveiled their first attempt at a legislative package meant to dictate how Montana will manage the closure of Units 1 and 2 at the Colstrip coal fired power plant.

We have developed guiding principles to help the ETIC as they develop legislation meant to manage Montana's inevitable shift to clean energy.
Your support will make the difference in ensuring minimal potential disruptions to our economy, society and environment.

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The ETIC's first attempt at this legislative package is a mixed bag, with some aspects that genuinely help a deserving community and workforce through a difficult time, while others are strictly punitive towards companies faced with difficult business decisions.

In order to assist the ETIC continue to craft legislation, they've asked for public comment on their package.

The set of principles we have developed will help guide the ETIC as they develop this legislative package.

Our principals touch on three major transition concerns:

Overarching transition principles that prioritize Colstrip workers, the community and our environment.
Worker transition principles to ensure affected workers are not left behind as Montana transitions to a clean energy economy.

Economic development in the area of Colstrip to incentivize the development of the clean energy economy and new industries to create new sources of jobs.

The families of Colstrip have worked hard to provide the electricity that has industrialized our country, and turned it into the global powerhouse it is today.

We cannot forget the people of Colstrip as they try to navigate an uncertain future.

Please take a moment to add your name to the principles of transition and show your support.

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Sincerely,

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From: wwranch@3rivers.net
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 12:45 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: comment for ETIC from Citizens for Clean Energy

for: MT ETIC, Chairman Keith Regier, MT House of Representatives
Subject: Net-metering, Colstrip, Clean Energy development
From: Citizens for Clean Energy, Inc.

Dear Chairman Regier and committee members,

Citizens for Clean Energy appreciates to time and effort of ETIC to find reasonable solutions for net-metering and we especially thank Senator Pat Connell for his contributions and leadership in regards to finding common ground on net-metering as it continues to grow.

CCE believes the proposed bill on net-metering that sets a 'trigger' when net-metering reaches a specific threshold directs re-examination.

The COLSTRIP draft bills are valuable, and helping workers a moral obligation we believe and de-commissioning must be done properly taking care of Montanans and our air, land and water.

Finally, Montana AFFORD to LOSE our energy export market, and we MUST replace the power provided by Colstrip 1 and 2 with wind, solar, geo-thermal and hydro-storage so Montana does NOT lose to states like Idaho, Utah and Wyoming which are BUILDING new wind/solar farms to CAPTURE the clean energy market of Washington and Oregon.

Finally, as a cattle rancher, I'd be happy to have wind/solar generation opportunities that brings cash to farms and ranches, funds for local rural counties and does NOT need water for cooling, which is the most PRECIOUS resource we have and now COLSTRIP residents have to go on water rationing which is a cruel irony.

Sincerely,

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From: Gary Wiens <gary@mtco-ops.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 9:58 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: Comments of Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association Regarding LC COL4

Dear Members of the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee,

Thank your for the opportunity to comment on draft legislation requested by the committee. On behalf of Montana's electric cooperatives, we are commenting on LC COL4.

We are unsure the impacts this legislation could have on Montana's rural electric cooperatives. Due to the high costs of delivering energy in rural Montana, any cost increases may pose a hardship for electric co-op member-owners.

We look forward to hearing the discussion on this legislation at the Committee's next meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best Regards,

Dave Wheelihan
CEO
Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Tom Ebzery <tebzery@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 9:11 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: 3 clarifying edits to PSE letter dated August 24, 2016 to ETIC
Attachments: Final PSE Comments to ETIC.docx

Ms. Nowakowski: After further review by me and others of our submitted comments to the Committee on August 24 we found 3 small changes or edits for clarification purposes and would like to submit these to you. The revised comments are attached to the letter and are capitalized.

Our edits follow below:

Page 2: First full paragraph line 8: Strike: "Any one of the owners, including NorthWestern Energy, could have vetoed the settlement or any provision of the settlement."

Reason: This is redundant with the previous sentence which reads: "Each of the six owners had to individually approve and sign off on the settlement agreement.

Page 2: Second full paragraph: Line 3 after " Colstrip" strike the remainder of the paragraph and insert the following: "1 & 2. PSE has accumulated Treasury Grants and Production Tax Credits (PTC's) and the legislation upon consideration by the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission ("WUTC") will allow these dollars to flow into a fund for decommissioning and remediation. The legislation also creates certainty for the future as the language specifically states that the funds placed into the account must not be used for any purposes other than decommission and remediation costs until all costs are paid in full.

Reason: this new language adds clarity to what was passed in SB 6248 and how the funds are to be spent.

Page 2: Last full paragraph: County Impact Waiver Language: Strike the paragraph in entirety and insert the following language: "SB 402 as amended contained a coal county impact fee "waiver" which would have exempted a utility or operator, if they could demonstrate that a unit or units could not meet a state or federal standard and it would be economically or technologically unfeasible to do so. This so called waiver has been deleted in this bill draft.

Reason: Simply clarifies that the county impact waiver has deleted in this proposed bill draft and its importance to an owner or operator.

September 1, 2016,

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Chairman Keith Regier and Members of the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee:

Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") is responding to an email dated August 2, 2016 from Sonja Nowakowski requesting specific comment on seven proposals which evolved from a single request by Senator Duane Ankney to address the Colstrip issue and mitigation during the last order of business at the most recent meeting of the Committee. Apparently that request for a single Committee bill has turned into 7 separate bill requests which was a surprise to us and likely the full committee. I will attempt to address these bills individually and provide general comments. As you know it is the prerogative of interim committees to request bills to be drafted, which sometimes are not introduced or withdrawn as conditions may change prior to the commencement of the Montana Legislature on January 2, 2017. I am also aware that the sponsor has the same prerogative of introducing one or all of the referenced bills regardless of public input, committee input and vote or other reasons. It is in this spirit that we participate as requested in comment on the bill drafts.

Background:

PSE is an investor owned utility located in Bellevue, WA. PSE is the largest utility in the State of Washington serving more than 1.1 million electric customers and more than 790,000 natural gas customers. PSE's service territory is 6,000 square miles, primarily in the Puget Sound region of western Washington with a population of approximately 4 million. PSE's energy supply is around 55% owned or controlled resources with 45 % from purchased resources. PSE owns coal, wind, hydro and natural gas facilities.

PSE has been an owner of Colstrip's coal-fired generating units since the 1970's. It is a 50% owner of Colstrip Unis 1 & 2: (307 MW) with Talen Montana formerly PPL Montana. It also is a 25% owner in each of Colstrip units 3 & 4 (360 MW) with 5 other owners including Talen Energy and NorthWestern. PSE is the largest owner of the Colstrip Steam Electric Generating System with 677 MW. Over the decades, PSE has paid millions in taxes to the State of Montana and Rosebud County and the company will continue to be a large taxpayer in Montana for many years to come.

SB 402 as amended in the 2015 session:

During Montana's 2015 legislative session, PSE worked with Senator Ankney to amend SB 402, a bill to revise laws related to utilities and coal-fired generation. The legislation was amended in the House Federal Relations, Energy and Telecommunications Committee and PSE lobbied for its passage in the House of Representatives. Many unexpected events have occurred since April 2015 when the bill failed to pass by a narrow margin of 47-51. Let me describe those events.

As recently as last month, a Talen Energy Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Jeremy McGuire testified to your Committee that Talen is hemorrhaging significant dollars because of low natural gas prices and due to reregulation of NorthWestern Energy. He also said there is no longer a

market for a wholesale generator making market based sales in Montana. Your Committee was also told that Large Industrial Customers in Montana are on short term contracts to purchase power or are buying it on the open market. As previously stated, Talen owns 50% of Colstrip Units 1 and 2 and 25% of Unit 3, in addition to being the OPERATOR of all 4 units. In the event that Talen ceases operation or decides to retire Units 1 and 2, PSE would be unable to operate those units. PSE is not an operator and never has been an operator. As Talen articulated to you in July, closure could happen any time. Once the PSE legislative proposal to acquire Talen's interest in Colstrip failed, Talen began in earnest its efforts to pursue strategies to exit Montana.

Second, while a lawsuit was filed by the Sierra Club and the Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC) well prior to the 2015 session, the litigation was still in the discovery process. The May 2016 trial date was over a year away. Discovery was completed in 2015 and motions for summary judgment were filed, and briefed last fall, and argued in December 2015. A decision and opinion on the motions was rendered by the District Court on December 31, 2015, which triggered settlement negotiations which is common in complex cases. These negotiations resulted in a settlement involving all six owners of the four Colstrip coal-fired generating units. Each of the six owners had to individually approve and sign off on the settlement agreement. Press coverage of the settlement agreement focused on the closure of Units 1 and 2 by a certain date. There were other provisions of that settlement agreement which received little attention but benefitted all the owners. Colstrip Units 3 and 4 will preserve a longer life with fewer environmental challenges, which should make continued operation of these units more assured into the distant future because of this settlement. As was discussed at the last ETIC meeting, ongoing environmental litigation has impacted the operational life of Colstrip for many years. Securing this resolution for the benefits of Units 3 & 4 is important to all the owners of Colstrip.

Third, the Washington Legislature approved legislation in 2016, Senate Bill 6248 which will enable PSE to create a fund to put money aside to cover future decommissioning and remediation costs associated with Colstrip 1 & 2. PSE HAS ACCUMULATED TREASURY GRANTS AND PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS ("PTC'S") AND THE LEGISLATION UPON CONSIDERATION BY THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORATION COMISSION ("WUTC") WILL ALLOW THESE DOLLARS TO FLOW INTO A FUND FOR DECOMMISIONING AND REMEDIATION. THE LEGISLATION ALSO CREATES CERTAINTY FOR THE FUTURE AS THE LANGUAGE SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THE FUNDS PLACED INTO THE ACCOUNT MUST NOT BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSES OTHER THAN DECOMMISSION AND REMEDIATION COSTS UNTIL ALL COSTS ARE PAID IN FULL.

Fourth, PSE is required to file a general rate case in Washington January 17, 2017. At that time PSE is required to include a comprehensive plan addressing the future of Colstrip Units 1 & 2 including a depreciation schedule for all four units that aligns with the Company's most current analysis of the plants' useful life; a narrow window of dates for the planned retirement of Unis 1 & 2 and detailed information regarding planned decommissioning and remediation activities.

Finally, despite the bill sponsor essentially reintroducing SB 402 as amended in this package as LCCOL5, it contains language and deletions which would have been unacceptable to PSE and its customers in 2015. For example, the words "early retirement" are deleted from this bill. According to this legislation, there is no early retirement. An owner would continue to pay taxes for ten years, as if it never left.

SB 402 AS AMENDED CONTAINED A COAL COUNTY IMPACT FEE "WAIVER" WHICH WOULD HVE EXEMPTED A UTILITY OR OPERATOR, IF THEY COULD DEMONSTRATE THAT A UNIT OR UNITS COULD NOT

MEET A STATE OR FEDRAL STANDARD AND IT WOULD BE ECONOMICALLY OR TECHNOLOGICALLY UNFEASIBLE TO DO SO. THIS SO CALLED WAIVER HAS BEEN DELETED IN THIS BILL DRAFT.

For these reasons, SB 402 as amended in 2015 will not work for PSE. We respectfully request that you reconsider bringing this bill forward as an Interim Committee bill.

Our general comments on the remaining bills are provided below.

LCCOL1: Appropriation for Intervention in Washington rate case.
It is unlikely the appropriation contained in a stand-alone bill will be timely as the PSE rate case will be filed during the third week of the Montana legislative session. Those proceedings normally run 11 months. We suggest the Attorney General or any other entity thoroughly review the procedures of a rate case in Washington in the event that "intervenor status" is granted. PSE is not opposed to the bill as that is a prerogative of the Montana legislature.

LCCOL2: Coal Fired Generating Unit Decommissioning and Remediation Act.
The bill sponsor's motive for introducing this legislation appears to be protecting the environment where the plant is located by returning it to its previous use, but the final result of this legislation is likely to not result in a thorough or timely decommissioning or remediation of Colstrip's coal-fired generating plants. Let me explain. PSE's remediation and decommissioning will be addressed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). Further, any decommissioning or remediation must comply with applicable law. Additionally, the bill appears to apply to all of the Colstrip coal-fired generating units including Units 3 and 4 which involve all six owners. Each of the six owners would need to cast a vote to approve or deny any proposed plan. Yet, only PSE and Talen are the owners of Units 1 & 2. The legislation also requires the operator to file the plan. It is of public record that Talen Energy no longer wants to operate the plants and has sent a two year notice to the other owners of Colstrip Units 3 and 4 that it will withdraw as operator of those units. Talen Energy also operates Units 1 and 2. At least for now, Talen as operator is free to close the plant if the bill is enacted, regardless of dates. The bill also states that even if PSE is not the operator it is still liable to restore the plant.

LCCOL3: Establish the Treasure State Restore and Rebuild Act
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Sincerely,

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August 24, 2016

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Chairman Keith Regier and Members of the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee:

Puget Sound Energy ("PSE") is responding to an email dated August 2, 2016 from Sonja Nowakowski requesting specific comment on seven proposals which evolved from a single request by Senator Duane Ankney to address the Colstrip issue and mitigation during the last order of business at the most recent meeting of the Committee. Apparently that request for a single Committee bill has turned into 7 separate bill requests which was a surprise to us and likely the full committee. I will attempt to address these bills individually and provide general comments. As you know it is the prerogative of interim committees to request bills to be drafted, which sometimes are not introduced or withdrawn as conditions may change prior to the commencement of the Montana Legislature on January 2, 2017. I am also aware that the sponsor has the same prerogative of introducing one or all of the referenced bills regardless of public input, committee input and vote or other reasons. It is in this spirit that we participate as requested in comment on the bill drafts.

Background:

PSE is an investor owned utility located in Bellevue, WA. PSE is the largest utility in the State of Washington serving more than 1.1 million electric customers and more than 790,000 natural gas customers. PSE's service territory is 6,000 square miles, primarily in the Puget Sound region of western Washington with a population of approximately 4 million. PSE's energy supply is around 55% owned or controlled resources with 45 % from purchased resources. PSE owns coal, wind, hydro and natural gas facilities.

PSE has been an owner of Colstrip's coal-fired generating units since the 1970's. It is a 50% owner of Colstrip Unis 1 & 2: (307 MW) with Talen Montana formerly PPL Montana. It also is a 25% owner in each of Colstrip units 3 & 4 (360 MW) with 5 other owners including Talen Energy and NorthWestern. PSE is the largest owner of the Colstrip Steam Electric Generating System with 677 MW. Over the decades, PSE has paid millions in taxes to the State of Montana and Rosebud County and the company will continue to be a large taxpayer in Montana for many years to come.

SB 402 as amended in the 2015 session:

During Montana's 2015 legislative session, PSE worked with Senator Ankney to amend SB 402, a bill to revise laws related to utilities and coal-fired generation. The legislation was amended in the House Federal Relations, Energy and Telecommunications Committee and PSE lobbied for its passage in the House of Representatives. Many unexpected events have occurred since April 2015 when the bill failed to pass by a narrow margin of 47-51. Let me describe those events.

As recently as last month, a Talen Energy Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Jeremy McGuire testified to your Committee that Talen is hemorrhaging significant dollars because of low natural gas prices and due to reregulation of NorthWestern Energy. He also said there is no longer a

market for a wholesale generator making market based sales in Montana. Your Committee was also told that Large Industrial Customers in Montana are on short term contracts to purchase power or are buying it on the open market. As previously stated, Talen owns 50% of Colstrip Units 1 and 2 and 25% of Unit 3, in addition to being the OPERATOR of all 4 units. In the event that Talen ceases operation or decides to retire Units 1 and 2, PSE would be unable to operate those units. PSE is not an operator and never has been an operator. As Talen articulated to you in July, closure could happen any time. Once the PSE legislative proposal to acquire Talen's interest in Colstrip failed, Talen began in earnest its efforts to pursue strategies to exit Montana.

Second, while a lawsuit was filed by the Sierra Club and the Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC) well prior to the 2015 session, the litigation was still in the discovery process. The May 2016 trial date was over a year away. Discovery was completed in 2015 and motions for summary judgment were filed, and briefed last fall, and argued in December 2015. A decision and opinion on the motions was rendered by the District Court on December 31, 2015, which triggered settlement negotiations which is common in complex cases. These negotiations resulted in a settlement involving all six owners of the four Colstrip coal-fired generating units. Each of the six owners had to individually approve and sign off on the settlement agreement. Any one of the owners, including NorthWestern Energy, could have vetoed the settlement or any provision in the settlement. Press coverage of the settlement agreement focused on the closure of Units 1 and 2 by a certain date. There were other provisions of that settlement agreement which received little attention but benefitted all the owners. Colstrip Units 3 and 4 will preserve a longer life with fewer environmental challenges, which should make continued operation of these units more assured into the distant future because of this settlement. As was discussed at the last ETIC meeting, ongoing environmental litigation has impacted the operational life of Colstrip for many years. Securing this resolution for the benefits of Units 3 & 4 is important to all the owners of Colstrip.

Third, the Washington Legislature approved legislation in 2016, Senate Bill 6248 which will enable PSE to create a fund to put money aside to cover future decommissioning and remediation costs associated with Colstrip. PSE had accumulated Treasury Grants and Production Tax Credits (PTC's) and the legislation, upon consideration by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("WTUC") will allow these dollars to flow into a fund for decommissioning and remediation.

Fourth, PSE is required to file a general rate case in Washington January 17, 2017. At that time PSE is required to include a comprehensive plan addressing the future of Colstrip Units 1 & 2 including a depreciation schedule for all four units that aligns with the Company's most current analysis of the plants' useful life; a narrow window of dates for the planned retirement of Unis 1 & 2 and detailed information regarding planned decommissioning and remediation activities.

Finally, despite the bill sponsor essentially reintroducing SB 402 as amended in this package as LCCOL5, it contains language and deletions which would have been unacceptable to PSE and its customers in 2015. For example, the words "early retirement" are deleted from this bill. According to this legislation, there is no early retirement. An owner would continue to pay taxes for ten years, as if it never left.

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For these reasons, SB 402 as amended in 2015 will not work for PSE. We respectfully request that you reconsider bringing this bill forward as an Interim Committee bill.

Our general comments on the remaining bills are provided below.

LCCOL1: Appropriation for Intervention in Washington rate case.
It is unlikely the appropriation contained in a stand-alone bill will be timely as the PSE rate case will be filed during the third week of the Montana legislative session. Those proceedings normally run 11 months. We suggest the Attorney General or any other entity thoroughly review the procedures of a rate case in Washington in the event that "intervenor status" is granted. PSE is not opposed to the bill as that is a prerogative of the Montana legislature.

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: wwranch@3rivers.net
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 12:24 PM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: [Fwd: Not Enough Cooling Water for Colstrip]
Attachments: untitled-[2.1].html; bottling300x250rev.jpeg; getuid.gif

Sonia, this is VERY relevant and interesting on energy, WATER and Colstrip and ever more reason to move forward strongly on clean energy development.

Richard D. Liebert
Lt. Colonel, Retired, Army
Chair, Citizens for Clean Energy, Inc.

Montana city seeks to limit water use to help coal plant <http://www.oanow.com/montana-city-seeks-to-limit-water-use-to-help-coal/article_a56a2496-8d0a-54ab-8b7c-f61aa18d5215.html>

Posted: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 5:08 pm Associated Press | BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) â€" Residents of an eastern Montana city are being asked to limit their water use so one of the largest coal-fired power plants in the western U.S. can continue to safely operate.
Colstrip Mayor John Williams asked the city's 2,300 residents to minimize their use of water for sprinkling and irrigation through the end of August.

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The notice came at the request of Talen Energy, a Pennsylvania company that operates the 2,100-megawatt Colstrip power plant.
Williams says low water levels and high temperatures have been causing problems with Talen's water intake system on the Yellowstone River.
The company uses the water to cool its plant. It also provides water for the city under a longstanding agreement.
Talen spokesman Todd Martin said Tuesday there is no danger of the plant shutting down.
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This story has been corrected to show that Talen spokesman Todd Martin spoke Tuesday, not Wednesday.
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<http://www.oanow.com/montana-city-seeks-to-limit-water-use-to-help-coal/article_a56a2496-8d0a-54ab-8b7c-f61aa18d5215.html#license-a56a2496-8d0a-54ab-8b7c-f61aa18d5215>

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Attn: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee 2015-2016
Re: LCCOL1

Committee Members:

Having read the Unofficial Draft Copy of LCCOL1, I have the following comments:

1) The Act appropriating money to the Department of Justice and Governor's Office must include legislative oversight to assure that Montana Taxpayers' best interests are maintained by both Offices. The assumption made that these Offices will honor the majority will of the Legislature, our representative governmental body, in critical out-of-State negotiations must also contain enforcement provisions directed to the State Offices.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attn: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee 2015-2016
Re: LCCOL2

Committee Members:

Having read the Unofficial Draft Copy of LCCOL2, I have the following comments:

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Committee Members:

Having read the Unofficial Draft Copy of LCCOL3, I have the following comments:

> General Comment – Consider that insurmountable problems will exist with the closure of the Colstrip Plants. I contend that the City of Colstrip, basically an infrastructure of the Plant/Mine complex, will be unsustainable without the power generation/mining operations and the associated high-paying jobs. Highly trained plant and mine employees will simply look elsewhere for similar jobs, as evidenced by the Centralia, Washington closures. Grant programs to attempt to develop new businesses in a dying town are doomed without the attraction to draw people to live here. This is a wonderful place to live, but folks simply will not stay unless a huge change is brought to the business make-up of this area. Infusions of small grants from the Coal Trusts cannot counteract a massive loss of Plant/Mine workforce. Business diversification enough to draw/maintain people is virtually impossible here.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Attn: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee 2015-2016
Re: LCCOL4

Committee Members:

Having read the Unofficial Draft Copy of LCCOL4, I have the following comments:

> General Comment – Any increase in energy producer's taxes are merely pass-through costs to the consumers. This Act is counter to the effort to draw new businesses to Montana.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attn: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee 2015-2016
Re: LCCOL5

Committee Members:

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Rep. Keith Regier, Chairman
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Chairman Regier:

I write this letter to provide comment from the Public Service Commission (PSC) on the package of draft legislative bills recently released by the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee ("ETIC"). That package included seven draft bills related to the planned retirement of Colstrip Units 1 and 2, five bills related to net metering, and two bills related to renewable energy credits.

The PSC appreciates ETIC's desire to solicit and consider public comment on its draft bills. After reviewing the draft bills during a public work session on August 16, 2016, the PSC resolved to communicate two principles that it urges ETIC to observe as it finalizes draft legislation for the 2017 session:

1) In draft bills that assign tasks to the PSC, please ensure that the bills also establish statutory authority and provide budgetary resources at such levels that the Commission is able to responsibly and fully execute each assigned task;
2) Please take care to avoid draft legislation that considers Montana public utility ratepayers as a central source of financial support for the achievement of broad public initiatives or the resolution of public concerns whose scope extends beyond the interests and obligations of utility ratepayers.

Although the PSC's initial comment is limited to the above two principles, it may comment further as legislation develops during the 2017 legislative session.

Thank you once again for considering our thoughts.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Marble <gmarble@bresnan.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 4:01 PM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip Sonja Nowakowski

Here are my solicited comments on the Colstrip aid drafts: We electricity consumers will rue the closing of Colstrip 1 and 2 (and most likely 3 and 4)). The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee should do all you can to make sure Colstrip 3 and 4 can continue to produce electricity. The bills, LCCOL 1-7, look like ways to temporarily lessen the impact of the closing of Colstrip 1 and 2 for some of the impacted. But the end result (especially of LCCOL 4) is higher electricity costs to the consumers as the energy companies will pass that cost on. And, no, I don't think a bill should be passed to provide electricity consumers 'help' to pay their bills. There should be reasonable action or less regulation to keep energy costs down by allowing energy providers to do their work. 'We' also need to work to repeal the Federal PURPA policies that require power companies to purchase renewable power. That just passes the cost of renewable energy development on to the consumers, deceiving all into thinking wind and solar electrical generation are economically viable. Renewable power generation needs to develop on its own merits, not falsely on the consumers higher electrical costs.

Karen Marble
Helena, MT
August 13, 2016

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Ashley Dennehy <ashleymccea@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 11:10 AM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip

Please do everything in your power to make it possible for Colstrip to survive! We need Colstrip because we supply so much of the West Coast's power and also supply Montanan's with power! Colstrip is responsible for an incredible amount of money in our economy and our state's budget. Colstrip creates more jobs than any industry in Montana and is responsible for our state and local economies ability to thrive! Please make Colstrip's future a priority during the upcoming Legislative session! We need Colstrip to get Montana back into a competitive position as far as our energy policies go.

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Thanks,
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Joey R <jar5321.psu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 9:02 PM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip

Dear Sonja and Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice an option on the closure of Colstrip 1 & 2 and pending committee proposals. I want to start of by stating the facts. The pending closures of Colstrip 1 and 2 are mainly due to over regulation by government and environmental groups endless lawsuits. Government regulations have made the Colstrip plants less and less competitive. Coupled with subsidies for "green" energies, Colstrip can't compete in a rigged market. Government is the main problem in this matter and more regulations will make the plants again less completive. The government and the committee need to correct ages of over regulation by standing up for coal energy. Scrap these new proposals and move forward with unwinding regulations on coal energy and mining. The only way this situation is going to get better for everyone is if we work together and take a stand against federal regulations and ultra restrictive state regulations and rules. The USA has been built on freedom and entrepreneurship. The more and more you back these companies into a corner, the more they want to leave the state. In all reality the committee and government should be looking in the mirror and pointing the finger at themselves. Take a stand NOW! Focus on something productive and beneficial for the state of Montana and it's people. Pass on all these proposals and stand up to big government.

Thanks
Joey

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Bob and Patty <patty-bob@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 12:11 PM
To: LEG Response
Cc: Bullock, Governor
Subject: Colstrip

Hello,

A perfect way to keep the town of Colstrip viable well into the future would be for Montana, in concert with GE-Hitachi and the U.S. government, to build and operate a PRISM Demonstration Reactor at Colstrip.

Colstrip has all the infrastructure necessary to support a *fourth generation* nuclear reactor like GE-Hitachi's PRISM reactor. PRISM reactors can recycle their own fuel internally, are highly proliferation resistant, and are capable of consuming so-called *spent nuclear fuel from conventional reactors around the U.S. and convert this waste into enough clean, safe, carbon-free electricity to supply our country's needs for the next 500 years *without mining another ton of uranium.*

Assuredly, this type of reactor will someday provide much of the world's electricity, and a demonstration reactor could be used to show skeptics just how clean, safe and cost-effective fourth generation nuclear reactors can be. Montana could be at the forefront of the world's next source of energy, positioning the U.S. to market this technology around the world.

I strongly encourage you to Google PRISM reactors and learn about it for yourselves. I have made Governor Bullock and Senator Duane Ankney aware of this technology, and have made GE-Hitachi aware that I have done so and the potential that may exist at Colstrip for a PRISM demonstration reactor.

Bob Balhiser
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** Spent nuclear fuel still retains 90%+ recoverable energy.*

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Rick Harbin <rharbin@colstripparks.com>
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 8:51 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Cc: LEG Response; Becker Dan (WWTP@cityofcolstrip.com); wolfmtn.jw@gmail.com; Mayor John (mayor@cityofcolstrip.com); Duane Ankney (goodwind1.duane@gmail.com); Geraldine Custer (Jericuster@yahoo.com); Ed Joiner (ejoiner@rosebudcountymt.com); Doug Martens (dmartens@rosebudcountymt.com); Robert "Bob" E. Lee (rlee@rosebudcountymt.com); John Poole (john.poole@colstripclinic.com); Jim Atchison (jatchison@semdc.org); aburton@cei-online.com; Cathy Frank (Cathy.Frank@fib.com); Garrick Goodheart (ggoodheart@westmoreland.com); Mark Ator; Patty Dunn [pattyandruss@gmail.com]; Terry Currier (t081352@yahoo.com); Neumiller, William L; Bob Lewandowski; Duffield, Joan
Subject: Colstrip

Importance: High

To: Sonja Nowakowski
Re: MT ETIC draft bills comments
Date: August 08, 2016
From: Rick Harbin

I have reviewed all (7) the **MT ETIC** draft bills prepared by the interim committee. For the most part they are very well written. However, I find a glaring weakness in the draft bills in regards to identifying local governments. In **LCCOL3 page 4, Section 8 i**dentifies a "**Local government entity"**. It leaves out both the **Colstrip Park and Recreation District** as well as the **Colstrip Medical District**. Both these entities have publicly elected non-compensated elected officials with the authority to levy taxes as granted by the local voters and are considered special districts. Each is a vital part of the Colstrip community and are in fact left out in local government descriptions in **LCCOL3 page 4, Section (8) and LCCOL4 page 3 Section (3).** Both of these descriptions are not reflective of actual local government entities that exit before and during this draft legislation and we hope not to be left out so these draft bills should be amended to reflect actual local government entities that in fact do exist.

Contrary in **LCCOL5 page 2, Section2, paragraph (2) the draft language specifically refers to "special districts".** We are the only special districts in Colstrip with the exception of a lighting district managed by Rosebud County that I am aware of.

The Colstrip Park and Recreation District and the Colstrip Medical District were formed by a petition and vote of the local electorate as provided by Montana law. Both entities have publicly elect non-compensated boards or commissions. Both these districts preceded the incorporation of the City of Colstrip. Neither were replaced because of that incorporation. The Park District also receives coal proceeds taxes and was officially established on July 1, 1987 and continues to manage to manage vast acres of improved and native county owned property within its' boundaries that were acquired by a land match for LWCF funds given by the power plants and mine to Rosebud County.

The Medical District was formed in I believe 1989 and I was the president of the board when it was formed. It has identical boundaries as the Park District. It doesn't receive coal proceeds because of the date of its' formation but it does have the authority to levy property taxes. It opened a new facility funded partially by Coal Board funds, property tax revenue and the facility was built on land purchased from the power plants followed by an identical cash donation from the power plants and opened about 1992. (I believe units 3 & 4 property) It has expanded its' facility size and bought additional land for an expansion that was funded by a publicly approved bond.

Both the Park District & Medical District are established tax districts and important parts of our community created by the voters and are a legitimate local government entity that needs to be identified in all legislation with the same distinction as any other local government in any legislation. Both were created as a direct means to serve the local energy workforce for health & safety. Failure to recognize both in draft legislation would be a huge mistake in any bills introduced or passed into law.

Thank you for your assistance and please pass on my observations on to the committee as official public comment.

Sincerely,

Rick M. Harbin
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Colstrip Park and Recreation District
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Harold Blattie <hblattie@mtcounties.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 7:36 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja
Subject: FW: LC COL5 bill draft

Sonja,

I was asked to review LC Col5 and having done so, have some questions and comments.

Is there a specific reason all special districts, i.e. fire, park, are not included in the definition of Local Government? Also I have to wonder if Tribal Government" really belongs in this definition because it has it's own definition in subsection (7).

NEW SECTION 3
(3) "Local government" means an incorporated city or town,
a county, a consolidated local government, a tribal government,
or a county or multicounty water, sewer, or solid waste district.

NEW SECTION 5

In subsection (2) the bill establishes that an impact fee be paid the first five years. Subsection (i), (ii) and (iii) are separated by semi-colons. Am I correctly reading that to mean it is (i) or (ii) or (iii), rather than "and"?.

In subsection (3), subsections (a) and (b) are separated by a semi-colon but also includes the word "and" so I assume it means that both (a) and (b) will be paid. Likewise for subsections (4) through (7) for years six through ten?

Subsection (9) allows the impact fee to be mitigated by providing financial assistance to a "community". "Community" is not defined, which I believe could create problems and issues. It will the units of local government that will be financially impacted but it appears the financial assistance could be provided to non-governmental organizations or entities, thus the local government units would not receive impact fees to help mitigate financial impacts to the governmental units. If the suggestion box is open, I would recommend changing the word "affected communities" to units of local government" and also that language be added to provide proportionality because the financial assistance could be provided to a single unit of local government, leaving the others high and dry.

NEW SECTION 7

Does subsection (2)(a) mean to mitigate property TAX losses, rather than property losses?

Here again, do the semi-colon separators mean "or"? If so, it would appear that they would have to pick one of the allowable uses. It would seem to be better policy to allow a mix of the uses to be used.

Subsection (5)(a)(iii) is not inclusive of all special districts, which goes back to my earlier comment. Seems that others should be included.

NEW SECTIONS 7 and 8

These sections direct the treasurer to keep the impact fees in a separate "account" the correct term for county accounting is "fund". The state's accounting uses account where local governments accounting uses "fund" in accordance with the BARS Chart of Accounts.

In Section 7,

For Section 8 this would fall into the 7000 Fund classification as an "agency fund". DOA would need to establish a specific fund number.

The word "account" should be changed throughout both subsection 7 and 8 to "fund".

NEW SECTION 9

This where things get a bit sticky. Going back to Section 7, subsection 3, it states:

(3) Except as provided in subsection (2)(c) and subject to 15-10-420(7)(b), money held in the coal county account may not be considered as cash balance for the purpose of reducing mill levies.

First cash balances have no bearing or affect on mill levies like they do in school budgeting law so this language is actually meaningless.

Section 9 amends section 15-10-420 which provides for the property tax limitation. It provides the formula for calculating the maximum allowable levy as well as setting forth specific exemptions. This is commonly referred to as the "floating mill". The overall concept behind floating mill is to allow a local government to levy the same dollar amount as the previous year plus a modest amount of growth, irrespective of the changes in taxable values. In principle if taxable values go down levies go up and if taxable values increase (exclusive of newly taxable property) mill levies go down.

The new language in subsection (7)(b)(ii) would preclude a local government from increasing levies due to a loss of taxable value if that loss is reimbursed. That means if the impact Committee distributed any impact money to any of the units of local government, that unit would not be able to "float" mills up to recover the lost property tax revenue due to a decrease in the taxable value of the closed plant. This subsection is fine and precludes "double-dipping" by the unit of local government receiving the allocation. We can work with DOA to amend the floating mill calculation spreadsheet to incorporate this offset.

<u>However, subsection (7)(b)(iii) is problematic</u>. It runs contrary to the underlying principle of floating mills. This language would preclude a local government from "floating" mills up to recover the revue lost due to the decreased tax base. The result will be a true loss of revenue to all units of local government, without any corresponding reduction in demands for services, or needs of the local

government.

For arguments sake and to demonstrate the effects of subsection (7)(b)(iii) using completely hypothetical numbers because I do not know what portion of the tax base the coal fired generators are in Rosebud County, otherwise would use real numbers.

Let us assume that two of the four coal fired generators are retired and DOR values them at zero. Prior to the closure, they represented 25% of the total taxable value of $90 million. Rosebud county levies 50 mills so prior to retirement would levy a total of $4.5 million in property taxes. With the loss of $22.5 million in taxable value, the county would lose 25% of it's property tax revenue, in this example, the county would lose $1.125 million in real revenue. Under the floating mill concept, the county should be able to increase the number of mills levied to recover that loss. In this hypothetical example mills should be allowed to float up to 66.67 mills which would then generate the same property tax revenue of $4,5 million, rather than the $3,375 million that the language in subsection (7)(b)(iii) would allow.

One additional comment about the distribution from the county coal impact fund is related to timing. while the distribution from the state account will take place on August 15th, this leaves VERY little time for counties to modify budgets and calculate levies prior to final budget adoption and fixing levies on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in September as required by 7-6-4036. I would request the August 15th date be moved back to July 15th. And even that will be a problem because after the county receives the money, the impact committee would have to make its decisions and determine the amount (if any) that would be used to lower mill levies.

Thanks,

Harold

Harold Blattie, Executive Director
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Kelly McCarthy <kelly@bigskytech.net>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 10:37 AM
To: Nowakowski, Sonja; LEG Response
Subject: RE: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Seeks Public Comment - Colstrip

Hey Sonja,

Has the committee considered affected coal communities access to EPA POWER grants? There is a lot more funding available to communities at the federal level than we could offer as a state and the money is already allocated.

Thanx, Kelly

From: Sonja Nowakowski [mailto:snowakowski@mt.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 10:21 AM
To: kelly@bigskytech.net
Subject: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Seeks Public Comment

You are receiving this email as a subscriber to the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee email list.

Public comment is welcome on proposed draft legislation that attempts to address the needs of Montana and local communities, as plans to close two coal-fired generating units in Colstrip move forward.

The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) of the Legislature met July 14-15 and requested draft legislation be prepared and posted for public comment. The committee directed ETIC staff to work with Sen. Ankney and to develop legislative proposals to assist the state of Montana in planning for the pending partial closure of the facilities. In addition, legislation also was to address the owner's responsibility to displaced workers and the community and to outline remediation plans and requirements for the area.

The committee is requesting specific comment on:

- LC COL1 – – Appropriate money to allow Montana to participate in proceedings before out-of-state utility commissions that address planning for the future of coal-fired generation facilities located in Montana.
- LC COL2 – Establish the Coal-Fired Generating Unit Decommissioning and Remediation Act and provide requirements for submission, review, modification, and approval of a decommissioning and remediation plan for a coal-fired generating unit and affected property.
- LC COL3 – Establish the Treasure State Restore and Rebuild Act by appropriating $50 million from the coal severance tax permanent fund to the Department of Commerce to provide grants to entities (local governments, schools, etc.) impacted by the closure of a natural resource business.

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: kdc8853@gmail.com on behalf of K Kern <katykern77@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2016 9:55 PM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Closure of Coal Strip Units 1& 2

My main concerns are: The coal companies pay for cleanup at what is a horribly polluted site, and the workers get some kind of retraining and the full amounts of any compensation due to them. Thank-you. Please distribute this comment to all government bodies concerned.

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: bruce@co2u.info
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 8:35 AM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip aid

Yes Sonja,

the emails I have forward to you are in repose to the Speak up on Colstrip,

I hope they will open minds on all of the subject matter in real science

Thank You and live long and prosper with peace

Regards
Dr. Bruce A. Kershaw
40 years Atmospheric Emission Science and Testing

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: bruce@co2u.info
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 8:25 AM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Fw: arrhenius 1896

Sonja,

the Arrhenius Paper is an ~ outdated ~ incomplete ~ debunk ~ science paper
being used today by many as scientific proof ~

Carbon based Humans cause Climate Warming of this Carbon based Earth

with Mam Made ~ Carbon based Oxygen = CO2 = Carbon dioxide

as this proves only fraud in science by those using it as scientific proof

Bruce

----- Original Message -----
From: Joe Berry
To: Bruce Kershaw
Sent: Saturday, January 01, 2011 1:58 PM
Subject: Re: arrhenius 1896

Bruce,
Here is a link to the paper if it did not come through as an attachment:
http://saltonsea.sdsu.edu/arrhenius_paper_1896.pdf
Also, here is a link to a website for a modern course in atmospheric radiation transport.
http://langley.atmos.colostate.edu/courses/at622/at622.html
If you want to understand this; get the book and go to work. No one is going to prove to you that global warming is correct. Science doesn't work that way. The challenge for you, like that for any other scientist, is to prove that a key physical theory, measurement or assumption that underpins the analysis is wrong, and you don't yet know enough physics to do that. You have no right to ask me or any other scientist to explain things to you that you can find out for yourself from the literature.
-joe

On Jan 1, 2011, at 11:09 PM, Bruce Kershaw wrote:

I will look for your reference,

Regaurdles

My testing shows pure CO2, will heat and cool at the very same rate as pure oxygen, and the air we all Breathe.

If you include water vapor, CO2 is less than 00.00 %,

Mankind is the cause of 00.001% CO2 before water vapor and about 26 other things in the Air, most of the heat on the suface is from the core of the planet.

I will forward Al Gores references to you, They are toltal garbage.

The U.N. stated they are uncertain, and they are not a science body, just like the EPA is not a science, but National Geographic says its a normal cycle, they are a science body.

Bruce

----- Original Message -----
From: Joe Berry
To: Bruce Kershaw
Sent: Saturday, January 01, 2011 11:08 AM
Subject: arrhenius 1896

Thanks for your message.
You say:
"I have evaluated education programs in this science, and after investigating for more than three years, I have yet to see any proof (credible Data) , or hear a (credible explanation) of, (How) CO2 causes Climate Change, with over 6000 requests with continued requesting, with a reward for the proof, to all the Governments, Media, and Scientists, and Nothing."

Please take a few minutes to read the attached publication by a Nobel Prize winning chemist who was first to calculate the impact of changes in CO2 on temperature. This is based on physics that was cutting edge 100 years ago, and radiation transport in the atmosphere has developed into a mature science. It is your responsibility to understand the relevant physics before a debate is possible. For example, the fact that CO2 can be used as a refrigerant has nothing to do with its possible role in global warming - they depend on entirely unrelated physical properties.

Arrhenius. arrhenius 1896. On the influence of carbonic acid in the air upon the
temperature of the ground, Philos. Mag. J. Sci. 5 (1896), pp. 237–276 (1896) pp. 1-21

Joe Berry
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: bruce@co2u.info
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 8:17 AM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Fw: Reply from Senator Baucus

From: Max Baucus
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 3:59 PM
To: bruce@co2u.info
Subject: Reply from Senator Baucus

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2602

April 1, 2013

Mr. Bruce Kershaw
PO Box 4664
Helena, MT 59604-4664

Dear Bruce:

Thank you for contacting me with your continued thoughts about climate change. I appreciate hearing from you again.

Rest assured I will keep your thoughts firmly in mind on this issue as I continue my work in the Senate.

Thanks for getting in touch. Please contact me in the future with any additional comments or concerns. Also, I encourage you to visit my website at **http://www.baucus.senate.gov** to view information on current issues and to find out what I'm doing both here in Washington and at home to help Montana.

Sincerely,

Max Baucus

MB/rk

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: bruce@co2u.info
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 8:09 AM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Fw: Reply from Senator Baucus

From: Max Baucus
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 1:03 PM
To: bruce@co2u.info
Subject: Reply from Senator Baucus

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510–2602

March 6, 2012

Mr. Bruce Kershaw
PO Box 4664
Helena, MT 59604-4664

Dear Bruce:

Thank you for your message to Senator Jon Tester. I appreciate you keeping me informed.

I am committed to getting the job done for Montanans. We deserve nothing less from our elected officials. I will continue to fight for commonsense solutions to create good paying jobs, improve our economy, strengthen Social Security and Medicare, improve our education system, and protect Montana farmers and ranchers.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. Please contact me anytime to tell me about issues of importance to you. Also, you may find my website at: **http://baucus.senate.gov** to be a helpful resource with up-to-date information about the current issues concerning our nation and Montana.

Sincerely,

Max Baucus

MB/jb

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: bruce@co2u.info
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 8:09 AM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Fw: Thanks for your Email

To: Sonja from Bruce

From: Joe Berry
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 10:21 PM
To: bruce@co2u.info
Subject: Re: Thanks for your Email

Thanks Bruce,
I agree with your sentiment, "truth in all of life, to better life for all" That is what it is all about, I don't actually know what is true but my limited knowledge leads me to say that I'd like to see us get away from CO2 producing ways of generating energy. I think it would be better for my grandchildren and the world they will inhabit.
-joe
On Aug 30, 2013, at 7:46 PM, <bruce@co2u.info> wrote:

From: bruce@co2u.info
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 7:20 PM
To: Governor@mt.gov
Subject: Re: Thanks for your Email

Thank you Steve,

We agree and I look forward to finding all truth in all of life, to better life for all.

Bruce

From: Governor@mt.gov
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 8:44 AM
To: bruce@co2u.info
Subject: Thanks for your Email

Thank you for writing to me with your concerns on climate change.

Investing in our alternative energy resources is essential to both growing more jobs and preserving our Big Sky state. As you are well aware, we can continue to grow our rural economies through responsible development of our vast energy resources, like our world-class wind potential, as well as hydro, bioenergy, and solar resources. Through this responsible development, Montana will lead the way in our nation's energy independence.

Thanks again for reaching out. Feel free to do so again with further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: bruce@co2u.info
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 8:07 AM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Fw: Invitation to the London Symposium on Climate Change
Attachments: image001.jpg

Hi Sonja,

I wanted to go but could not, but they know and have my work.

Bruce

From: London Symposium on Climate Change
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 3:20 PM
To: conferences@london-symposium-on-climate-change.com
Subject: Invitation to the London Symposium on Climate Change

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **London Symposium on Climate Change** at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, London, 22, 23 and 24, June, 2013.

The London Symposium on Climate Change is a special interest meeting of London Symposia, an organization devoted to scholarly research, writing and discourse. This interdisciplinary conference is an opportunity for academics and policy makers from the different disciplines to meet and discuss the many issues related to climate change.
The meeting will bring to the table scholars and professionals from the realms of economics, engineering, health, law, trade, agriculture, nutrition, political science, philosophy, education and the physical and chemical sciences to present papers and engage in discourse relevant to global warming and its effects on human welfare and progress.
You are **invited** to present a paper in your area of expertise and to respond to other papers that are presented at the session. You may, also, attend the meeting as an observer. If you decide to present a paper you will be requested to submit a brief abstract of 300 words or less for review by the Symposium Programme Committee.
Notations for the London 2013 meeting are:

- Abstracts submitted for presentations of papers must be approved by the Programme Committee of the Symposium
- If authors wish to submit their research papers for publication they must do so within thirty days of the last day of the Symposium.
- All research papers submitted for publication are subject to external peer review.
- Papers submitted for publication may be published in a *Symposium Review*, as an edited book or as a journal article.
- Please see the ""Research Topics" for the range of Symposium interests.

Submit abstracts before May 5, 2013

Register for the symposium here before May 15, 2013.

For more information, please use the contact form or email: **conferences@london-symposium-on-climate-change.com**

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: bruce@co2u.info
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 8:05 AM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Fw: Reality

Sonja,
have not disproven Global Warming,
Climate change is real for billions of years and Joe has yet to prove it is caused by CO2
Bruce
I have years of e-mails between Joe and I

Hi Bruce,
Happy New Year. Congratulations on the Doctor honor. You are right I'm not smart enough to disprove global warming. I put my faith in other scientists to evaluate my work and ideas by the peer review process. It is the best way I know of to assure the quality of the science, but frankly, I find it a humiliating process.
Best wishes,
-joe

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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: bruce@co2u.info
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 7:58 AM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Emailing: Reality CO2 and You and Me ~ by Bruce Kershaw

Hi Sonja, just use the first part of this (letter to the editor parts) if that is all you have room for or use all of it ~ I hope all is well for you ~ Bruce
CO2 and You and Me ~ by Bruce Kershaw
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Reality

Posted on August 6, 2016 by Bruce A. Kershaw

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…when you reject the scientific method

for the sake of true belief

in self-debunk computer climate prediction of the unknown future

you can not learn new tested knowledge and grow forward in real science

as

science is: to know

Science is Skepticism of true belief dictating science

with

zero scientific method

as

rejecting new tested knowledge for true belief in self-debunk computer prediction

is:

test proven by the scientific method

to be

Political Media Paranoid Climate Prediction Religion with zero Scientific Method

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~ To ~

Everyone who Failed Grade School Science

who truly believe with all of their heart and soul

Carbon based Humans

are responsible for

Climate Warming of this Carbon based Earth with Carbon based Oxygen

who have zero comprehension of the

proven fact tested knowledge of the scientific method

~

another

~ Letter to the Editor ~

in rebuttal to bogus scientific statements printed by News Papers

written by those who failed grade school science

while this Letter to the Editor will never be printed by a News Paper in America

like all the other Letters I have written since 2007

because it goes against their Political Media Agenda or True Belief

or

Political Correctness

as there is no political correctness in tested knowledge

as those who do not comprehend the science and can not articulate the science

and can not prove the science with Peer-reviewed scientific reference

while proving only political media fascism and fraud in science

call me the Denier of something they do not understand and I do not deny

while they have earned zero right to any scientific opinion beyond their make believe

in political media hearsay true belief in self-debunk prediction

based on a flawed incomplete study

based on an out-dated incomplete debunk science paper

based on debunk hypothetical conjecture

while proving only fraud and fascism in science

as there is zero scientific consensus in self-debunk prediction

as science is now dictated by those who failed grade school science

for profit and political agenda that is doing test proven harm

to the carbon cycle and all carbon based life and to this carbon based earth

all in the name of personal emotional feelings of true belief in self-debunk prediction

as there are no feelings in science

as science is proven wrong more often than proven right

by the scientific method

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~ Letter to the Editor ~

Carbon based Oxygen = CO_2 = Carbon dioxide is: ~ not ~ Pollution

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The Humans Body is made of

Carbon ~ Oxygen ~ Hydrogen

Water is: Hydrogen and Oxygen

Gasoline is: (HC) = Hydrocarbon = Hydrogen and Carbon

and to burn = vaporize Gasoline you need (O_2) Oxygen from the Air

and when Gasoline = Hydrogen and Carbon is Burned = Vaporized

the (HC) is separated

the Hydrogen is separated from the Carbon

and then the Carbon part of the Hydrocarbon then bonds to the Oxygen from the air

making Carbon based Oxygen = CO_2 = Carbon dioxide

~ 2 oxygen atoms based to 1 carbon atom ~

for Plants and Trees to breathe

~ recycling ~

O_2 Oxygen from the air back into the air

and when pumping Man Made CO_2 into the ground

made from Natural Gas or Gasoline or Wood or Coal

or anything that requires oxygen to burn

you are

A ~ lowering O_2 = Oxygen levels in the Air

B ~ turning underground water into an Acid

C ~ reducing what Plants and Trees need 4 times more of in the Air than today

to breathe to be Healthy

at a cost of only trillions over the next 10 to 20 years

instead of allowing Plants and Trees to breathe more of what they need more of to breathe

while this recycles the O_2 = Oxygen back into the Air where it came from

for you and I to breathe again

at no charge

as CO_2 is the cause of the Carbon cycle with Oxygen and Hydrogen

causing all Nature = Environment

and all Carbon based Life on this Carbon based Earth

and the more efficiently the HC = Hydrocarbon is burned with O_2 Oxygen from the Air

the more CO_2 is Produced

to cause more Carbon based life on this Carbon based Earth

where everything has carbon in it

as CO_2 with water vapor caused the first atmosphere causing the carbon cycle

as most of the CO_2 going into the Air every day

is from on going Variable Volcanic Activity below sea level for billions of years

while acidifying the ocean over billions of years

as increased levels of frozen CO_2 = Dry Ice

continue to come crashing down to the poles of this carbon based Earth

as Heat still rises including Heated CO_2

as all gases absorb and radiate heat and energy while expanding and rising

as CO_2 can not generate new energy

CO_2 can only transfer preexisting heat and energy already in the atmosphere upward

as frozen CO_2 comes crashing back downward

cooling the air 10 times faster and 20 times longer

than the increased levels of frozen water vapor crashing down to the earths poles too

as CO_2 and Water Vapor is the by product of variable evaporation by variable warming

by the variable Sun

off-setting Warming by the Variable Sun not causing Variable Warming

as there have been Ice Ages with much higher levels of CO_2 than today

as it was much warmer 1000 years ago for 200 years than today

~ this is knowledge ~

the Environmental Alarmist Extremest

who failed grade school science

refuse to acknowledge for the sake of their political agenda

as Climate Religion continues to state:

"CO_2 is Pollution"

CO_2

with zero color taste or smell

causing the first atmosphere

causing the carbon cycle

causing all of nature

causing all carbon based life

on this carbon based earth

is only Pollution in Climate Religion

as Climate Religion calls clean white steam pollution too

Bruce A. Kershaw

40 years Atmospheric Emission Science

that

Computer Climate Predictors do not Comprehend

and do not want to know

as they are true believers of computer climate prediction

based on one fragment of knowledge that is debunk

as they are not scientist

of the

Scientific Method

as they refuse to debate the science of the scientific method

or can provided scientific rebuttal or scientific reference

as they are true believers in garbage science they do not comprehend

as it takes a Back Yard Mechanic to explain the science they do not comprehend

as they focus only on one very small fragment of all knowledge

while ignoring all other known tested knowledge

as they refuse to look at the entire picture

as they refuse to look at all the dots

for the sake of true belief in self-debunk computer prediction

based on flawed incomplete so called science

~

~*~

~

…do not tell me

~ when you can not articulate the tested knowledge ~

proving

Carbon based Humans cause All Climate Warming

prove it with

Peer-reviewed

fact tested knowledge of the scientific method

and not with words of true belief in Peer-reviewed self-debunk prediction

…as words and true belief in self-debunk computer prediction prove nothing in science ~

as

True Belief in test proven Political Media Lies

based on self-debunk Perdition

is not science of the scientific method

as real science is Questioned Tested and Debated not Believed

…and when I can receive 10 different computer weather predictions

of the unknown weather future every hour

just for where I live

from 10 different computer weather prediction sources

from all around this Carbon based Earth

which of the 100 weather predictions for every hour for just where I live should I bet on ?

and consider as test proven fact

when all of the predictions for where I live are self-debunk every hour

as only one out of 100 can maybe be right

as I have yet to see a five day weather forecast come true where I live

in my life time

and when you do not like the weather here in Helena Montana

wait 20 minutes

as for long term Computer Climate Perdition of the un-known future

based on only one of a dozen climate variables

of a dozen Climate Variables that provide us with an infinity of

un-predictable

very extreme progressive variable Climate Change

on going for billions of years

ignored by those predicting the un-known climate future

is only for True Believers and not for Real Scientist

as science is tested knowledge

and true belief in self-debunk Bogus Prediction of the un-known future is not knowledge

or

Tested Reality

as

Ouija Board ~ Slot Machine

science

is: proven wrong far more often than proven right

as most predictions never come true

as I can predict the future just as well by flipping a coin

and would you bet your life on one horse in a 100 horse race ?

and

…should I be Prosecuted by the U.S. Government

for not believing in self-debunk computer climate prediction of the unknown future

~ as some lunatic scientist believe ~

scientist who are given hundreds of millions of dollars by the U.S. Government

to preach their self-debunk climate prediction make believe

~ as~

repetitiveness is the key to deprogramming and reprogramming

as

true belief

in

self-debunk computer climate prediction

does not debunk

a dozen climate variables

or

180 years of test proven Physics and Chemistry

or

millions of years of climate history

all

Ignored by Climate Religion

all further debunking the self-debunk Climate Prediction

based on an out-dated incomplete debunk science paper

providing this carbon based world with

Political Media

~ Paranoid ~

Climate Prediction Religion

Thanks to ~

News Paper Headlines

written by Journalist who failed grade school science who have a political agenda

who were

scientifically informed by Politicians who failed grade school science

who have a political agenda

who can provide zero ~ Peer-reviewed ~ Science of the scientific method

and when you believe what political media preachers tell you to believe

and government scientist ~ order ~ you to make believe

this is not science this is test proven religion

but what do I know after 40 years of Atmospheric Emission control Science and Testing

with a daily on going scientific investigation since 2007

while some of you just believe in Political Media true belief

with zero comprehension of the tested knowledge

as there is zero scientific reality in self-debunk computer Prediction

based on a flawed incomplete debunk climate study

as true belief is religion not science

while very variable very unpredictable very extreme very progressive

climate change is very real

for billions of years

for a dozen reasons known today

all ignored by those predicting the un-known future with their computer

with Garbage in Garbage out

as all the true believers refuse to debate their Religion

or provide

fact test knowledge proving their Religion is not a Religion

~

as there is zero tested reality in Political Science

~

To:

Al Gore and John Kerry

depending on variable evaporation rates by the Variable Sun

if Ice did not melt during climate warming

in 10 years the oceans could be 150 to 300 feet lower than today from evaporation

~ do you have an outdoor swimming pool ?

and if you do then you know how much water you must add to your pool everyday

to keep it full or the water will all evaporate away

and if you do not know

then you will have to ask the persons you pay to add water to your pool everyday

as the rate of Evaporation has exceeded the rate the Ice is Melting

causing the Ocean level to go down

as Variable Evaporation by the Variable Sun is a Climate Variable not a Constant

as the oceans have risen 350 feet over the past 26,000 years

while your Political Media Religion continues to tell your Followers

the Ocean is rising

maybe you are measuring the level of the Ocean from sinking Islands

as there are many

as you are measuring CO2 level for all of the atmosphere

from the tops of active volcanoes

as you turned off all the old working weather station out in the middle of nowhere

all over this Carbon based Earth

as you are using new weather stations on tared roof tops

next to heating and air conditioning outlets for Climate Data

as you use a Flawed Incomplete Study

based on

an outdated incomplete debunk science paper as scientific proof for your climate religion

as you are both proven Pathological Lairs

who failed grade school science

committing test proven Fraud in Science

as your proven Fraud is doing test proven harm to this Carbon based Earth

and to the Carbon Cycle and all Carbon based Life

~ as you profit from your fraud ~

as the news papers will print every lie you have to say with out scientific reference

while they will not print my rebuttal with scientific reference

as Political Media Big Dummy's continue to dictate science

while harming this carbon based Earth for the sake of true belief in Garbage Science

for profit

as test proven frauds in science dictate science

~

~*~

Truth in Science

by

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~ as ~

Climate Change is Real for the past 4.6 billion years

for a dozen known reasons today

…and if there is a God ~

God Bless the Universe

not just America

as

~ no one can prove there is a God

just like no one can prove with science = tested knowledge

~ with zero belief ~

that

Carbon based Humans cause Climate Warming

of this

Carbon based Earth

with

Carbon based Oxygen = CO_2 = Carbon dioxide

with

water vapor

the cause of the first atmosphere

causing of the Carbon Cycle with Oxygen and Hydrogen

causing all Nature = Environment

and all carbon based life above and below sea level

as CO_2 is called Pollution by Climate Religion

as clean white steam is called Pollution by Climate Religion

as Plants and Trees in Botany science need 4 times the CO_2 level than in the Air today

to be at there best level of health to be the carbon based food we eat

while making all the oxygen in the air we breathe for the last 600 million years

as Climate Religion has failed grade school science

as personal feelings of true belief prove nothing in tested knowledge

as Politicians and Journalist are not Scientist

as they can not articulate or debate the test proven knowledge

as they have yet to provide Real Peer-reviewed Science to support their true belief

in what is now Peer-reviewed self-debunk prediction

as prediction is not science

as prediction of the unknown future is not knowledge

as true belief in self-debunk prediction is Religion not test proven Reality

as Einstein

the Patton Office Clerk would agree

~

…if you Believe in Climate Religion

~ you will delete this not read this ~

proving you are not a scientist of the scientific method

proving you are a true believer with zero tested knowledge in your hands

as only fools ignore test proven knowledge of the scientific method

for true belief in self-debunk computer prediction

as prediction based on one very small fragment of all tested knowledge

based on an out-dated incomplete debunk science paper being used as scientific proof

Carbon based Humans cause all Climate Warming

while ignoring all test proven knowledge that debunk all true belief

is:

test proven fraud in science

as

Carbon based Humans

have been moving to higher ground on this carbon based earth for the past 26,000 years

and

when the Media only covers one side of many sides of a scientific argument

ignoring and rejecting the scientific method

by ignoring test proven fact for true belief in political agenda

based on self-debunk prediction

~ this is not science ~

this is political media religion committing fraud in science

~

do you know or do you believe

~ as ~

Political Party's are Political Religions

~ not ~

Science

~ as ~

Political Media

~ true belief ~

in

Rumor and Hearsay

is

Dictating Science to the Scientific Community with zero scientific method

with zero peer-reviewed scientific reference

with zero comprehension of the tested knowledge

while refusing to debate the tested knowledge

~ as ~

the only Carbon based Humans on this Carbon based Earth

who ~ believe

Carbon based Humans cause Climate Warming

with

Carbon based Oxygen = CO_2 = Carbon dioxide

the cause

of the first atmosphere causing the carbon cycle causing all carbon based life

on this

Carbon based Earth

called pollution by climate religion

obviously

~ Failed Grade School Science ~

as they refuse to debate the tested knowledge that debunk their true belief

in garbage fraudulent debunk hearsay true belief

as they continue to believe in self-debunk computer perdition

as the News Papers will only Print what true believers have to say ~

by true believers who failed grade school science

while allowing ~ zero ~ rebuttal or open public debate

by those who Know and do not Believe

as this is proven political media fascism not science

…and when someone lies to you but you have no way of knowing they are lying

~ ? ~

~ as ~

true belief is not test proven knowledge of the scientific method

~

science is: skepticism of true belief being dictated as knowledge

as science is: to know and not true belief in self-debunk prediction

~ as we must all live with the bogus reality of political media agenda ~

and the Four Ring Circus called the U.S. Government

~ as ~

I am not a Democrat or a Republican

as

I do not ~ believe ~ in Political Party's

as

Political Party's

are far better at destroying this country in their efforts to destroy each other

than running this country responsibly

as the government is no longer the voice of

~ We the People ~

of the

Republic of the United States of America

as the States are no longer United

thanks to many Supreme Court Decisions

and a group of Rail Road Barron's who Bribed ~ everyone ~ in Washington D.C. in 1850

and then

the 17 Amendment

~

the U.S. Government is now the voice

~ of ~

Wall Street and K Street and Special Interest Groups

as corporations give equal amounts of money to both party's

so it does not matter who wins the election

as

corporations are now making billions dollars

pumping CO_2 in to the ground

as this is:

lowering oxygen levels in the air

while

turning underground water in to acid

while reducing what Plants and Trees need 4 times more of than in the air today

~ to Breathe to be Healthy ~

as we could allow plants and Trees to breathe the CO_2

and recycle the oxygen part of CO_2 back into the Air where it came from

instead of spending trillions over the next 10 to 20 years to lower oxygen levels in the air

and turn underground water into an acid

and when only one Party is in control of a government this is by definition Fascism

as we are a Republic not a Democracy

~ in a republic the individual is equal to the majority ~

in a democracy the majority rules over the individual

as

~ the choices have now been narrowed down to the two worst possibility's I can think of ~

of the list of those who were running

as

I will not be voting for Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump

for obvious reasons

as I do not vote for Proven Pathological Liars

who are obviously not aware of the fact they are test proven liars

who should probably be in Jail today for many reasons

~ as we would be ~

while there are Carbon based Humans (Scientist) who state in letters to the White House

that scientist like me should be

~ Prosecuted ~

for not believing in their self-debunk Climate Prediction Religion

while

its to bad we can not just leave the position of President unfilled for now

and wait for someone trustworthy to come along that most people ~ want ~ vote for

instead of having to pick from the lesser of the test proven true evil

while my vote is meaningless in any way in today's bogus Electoral Collage system

as political media religion dictates science

and

…after more than 40 years ~ every day ~ of working atmospheric emission control science

~ what is real and what is not ?

~ as ~

one Heat Wave caused by the Sun

is:

caused by the Sun

and not caused by carbon based humans of this carbon based earth

with

Carbon based Oxygen = CO_2 = Carbon dioxide

the cause of the first atmosphere

causing of the carbon cycle with oxygen and hydrogen

causing all carbon based life on this carbon based earth

as Plants and Trees need 4 times the CO_2 level than in the air today to be healthy

as political media climate religion calls the cause of all life ~ CO_2 ~ pollution

as political media climate religion dictates science

while refusing to debate the science they ignore

while providing zero science references to support their true belief

as the Sun is only one of a dozen ~ known ~ Weather and Climate Variables

ignored by: Climate Religion

as we do not know more than we know

~ in ~

The ~ Carbon ~ Oxygen ~ Hydrogen ~ Cycle

~

…when there are more questions than answers ~

because

test proven knowledge is ignored

by those who specialize in one very small fragment of all tested knowledge

who only focus on true belief in self-debunk computer climate prediction

based

only on one fragment of all knowledge

~ while ignoring all other known tested knowledge ~

and ignoring millions of years of climate history

further debunking ~ their ~ true belief

in self-debunk computer prediction

as there can be no consensus in knowledge of the scientific method

as a scientific study can not ignore all test proven fact for true belief

in self-debunk computer climate prediction

as real tested knowledge is: by scientific method

incorporating all knowledge not ignoring all knowledge for true belief

as true belief in self-debunk computer prediction of the un-known future is:

a form of religion not science

as true belief in self-debunked prediction is: not tested reality in the scientific method

as

science is: to know

science is: Questioned ~ Tested ~ Debated

~ not ~

true belief

in

Man Made

Make Believe

~ but ~

if you have no Questions

then you are not a scientist of the scientific method

as you are a true believer with zero test proven Peer-reviewed knowledge

in your hands

~ that you comprehend ~

to prove your true belief is not just a true belief

as true belief in political media hearsay

is: ~ not ~ test proven science

or

tested reality

~

To: Earth Week by Steve Newman

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contactauthor@earthweek.com

~ the bogus weekly climate report ~

as

everyone knows change has been happening for billions not hundreds of years

~ while ~

Scripps Institution of Oceanography

can not prove change is caused by Carbon based Humans

beyond their true belief in self-debunk computer prediction

as Scripps ignores test proven fact that further debunk their true belief

as Scripps will not debate the real science of the scientific method

as they can provide ~ zero ~ scientific proof

Carbon based Humans cause Climate Warming

with

Man Made

Carbon based Oxygen = CO_2 = Carbon dioxide

the cause of the Carbon Cycle and all Carbon based Life on this Carbon based Earth

above and below sea level

where

everything has carbon in it

as

Scripps

are

Preachers ~ not ~ Teachers

as neither Earth Week or Scripps will publicly debate their test proven Religion

as

Steve Newman dose not Question science

Steve just believes what he is told to believe

as Earth Week does zero investigation of the science

as Earth Week just passes on what they are told to pass on and just believe

as Earth Week is a Political Media Body not a Science Body

while the News Papers that Publish the Earth Week Garbage Science

do not allow Real Scientific Rebuttal

allowing only one side of the Scientific Argument

as this is ~ Proven ~ Political Media Fascism in Science

as

Earth Week is sharing their Paranoia of Arctic Ice melting

as this warming period began 14,000 years ago not 40 years ago

while the Arctic Ice has melted many times before during Global Warming

in-between the last 20 Ice Ages

of the Last 2 million years

of billions of years of natural warming and cooling cycles

~ long before carbon based humans on this carbon based earth ~

by a dozen known climate variables today

all ignored by Earth Week and Climate Perdition Religion

as Ice Melts from the top and bottom side and moves during Ice ages too

as

Earth Week can provide zero scientific references to support their bogus public statements

Claiming

Carbon based Humans are responsible for all Climate Warming

based on a very flawed incomplete debunk climate study

based on one small fragment of debunk knowledge

as Earth Week will not debate the Real Science of the Scientific Method

as their Hearsay Political Media Science is: Garbage True Belief

with zero real test proven science of the scientific method

~ as ~

Evaporated Water Vapor and CO_2 levels continue to rise caused by warming

by the Variable Sun

as warming by the variable Sun continues

the rate of warming continues to slow down and not seed up as predicted

validating 180 years of test proven Physics and test proven Chemistry

ignored by Climate Religion

~ as ~

the progressively growing Atmosphere of the past 4.6 billion years is:

~ a proven Variable not a Constant ~

as the hole in the Ozone Layer is:

a proven continuous climate variable not a constant

causing a variable of heat and energy to inter and escape the atmosphere

as the atmosphere expands and shrinks like a balloon

continuously opening and closing the Ozone hole

caused by variable solar activity

~ regardless of what Government Scientist tell you (order you) to believe ~

O = Oxygen = 1 oxygen atom

O_2 = Oxygen = 2 oxygen atoms

O_3 = Oxygen = heavy oxygen = 3 oxygen atoms = Ozone

as

O_3 = Ozone is caused by

50,000 degree Lighting in the atmosphere bonding nitrogen and oxygen together

making NO_x = nitrogen/oxygen = nitrogen-oxide

as the NO_x = nitrogen and oxygen bonded together is then separated by Sun Energy

making

O3 = Oxygen = Ozone

causing the Ozone Layer

as O3 oxygen is a proven climate variable not a constant

as the Ozone hole is a proven climate variable not a constant

as the Variable Sun with many cycles continues to be brighter and warmer is:

a proven climate variable not a constant

as

just one heat wave by the variable Sun will increase the density of the atmosphere by 20%

as the variable distance between the Earth and Sun is:

a proven climate variable not a constant

as the hot liquid of this carbon based earth heating the lower atmosphere is:

a proven climate variable not a constant

as

Variable Cloud cover is a proven Climate variable not a constant

as some clouds are condensers of energy producing Lighting

making NOx for the Sun to separate into Nitrogen and O3 oxygen = Ozone

as Variable Evaporation by the Variable Sun is a proven Climate Variable not a constant

as the evaporation of water containing many times the CO2 level than in the atmosphere

caused by Volcanic activity below sea level

is a proven variable not a constant

as increased warming increases water vapor and CO2 levels into the atmosphere

while off-setting warming by the variable Sun

as Water vapor and CO2 is the by product of warming

not the cause of warming by the Variable Sun

causing the first atmosphere causing the carbon cycle with oxygen and hydrogen

causing all carbon based life on this carbon based earth

as the Earths wobbling Axes is proven climate variable not a constant

as hot spots below the surface of the Earth are a proven climate variable not a constant

along with many other proven climate variables of a dozen known proven climate variables

that are

~ Ignored by Government Scientist and Climate Religion ~

while

there is more proven climate knowledge missing from the flawed incomplete climate study

than in the flawed incomplete self-debunk climate study

based on an outdated incomplete debunk science paper

that was used to make a computer climate prediction of the unknown future

based only on one very small fragment of all knowledge

while ignoring a dozen proven climate variables

to make a computer climate prediction that is now self-debunk

~ regardless of what Government Scientist tell you (order you) to believe ~

as they ignore test proven fact for true belief in self-debunk garbage prediction

and after hundreds of requests since 2007

the Government Scientist at NASA ~ NOAA ~ EPA

can provide zero proven science to support their self-debunk true belief

as their own hard science debunk their true belief

while the EPA enforces NOx emission science since the 1970's

that proves CO_2 causes cooling

as they now ignore test proven science they have enforced for over 45 years

as

~ Heat still Rises ~

as Hot CO_2 is transferring heat upward not producing heat or trapping heat

~ removing heat from the lower atmosphere ~

while

-200 * CO_2 = Dry Ice

continues to crash downward to the Poles of this carbon based Earth

cooling the air 10 times faster and 20 longer than frozen water vapor

and is 180 years of test proven CO_2 Chemistry ignored by Government Scientists

as the majority of the scientific community disagree with the government scientist

as there is no consensus in true belief in self-debunk computer prediction

based on a flawed incomplete debunk fraudulent bogus study that ignores test proven fact

as government scientist refuse to debate the test proven climate science

and when you refuse to debate your science

~ its not real science ~

as real science is questioned tested and debated

~ not ~

believed

as

climate prediction religion is:

~ not ~

proven fact tested knowledge

of the

scientific method

~

Climate Prediction Religion is:

~ hearsay Political Media make believe in proven fraudulent garbage science ~

while those who make scientific claims they can not prove with real science

or base their science on prediction as prediction is not science

while refusing to debate the science

~ are ~

Phonys and Frauds in Science

as are the organizations using an outdated incomplete debunk Science Paper

as scientific proof

Carbon based Humans cause Climate Warming

of this Carbon based Earth

as

Lunatic

Political Media ~ Paranoid ~ Climate Religion

dictates science with zero scientific method

while

~ Refusing ~

to debate of the real science

as only Religions refuse to debate test proven reality

as belief in self-debunk ~ Peer-reviewed ~ prediction is not science and should not exist

while

not one News Paper in America will print one word of test proven fact that I have to say

with scientific references ~ on their opinion page

but will print every word written by someone with zero back ground in science

who has failed grade school science

with zero scientific reference

as News Papers allow zero rebuttal to test proven Bogus science

~ as this proves ~

Political Media Fascism

while ignoring and trashing the scientific method

for Political Agenda

based on zero science beyond true belief in self-debunk Peer-reviewed prediction

as Political Agenda now dictates science with zero science

with ~ their ~ self-debunk climate prediction religion

as this is:

~ the true belief in something that did not happen ~

and is now self-debunk

and

this is what my 40 years of working back ground in Atmospheric Emission science

and my on going climate science investigation since the spring 2007

has

Scientifically

~ Proven ~

as belief in words of true belief prove nothing is science

~

Political Media True Belief is: not science of the scientific method

True Belief in Hearsay Political Media ~ Test Proven ~ Lies is: Stupidity not Science

as real science is based on test proven fact

and not

personal emotional feelings of true belief in self-debunk computer prediction

as there is zero trust in science

there is only

proven fact tested knowledge of the scientific method

as there is zero knowledge in hypothetical conjecture

~ self-debunked or not ~

while

Scientist paid by the Government and by Political Media Organizations

continue to

~ Preach ~

their flawed incomplete fraudulent self-debunk true belief

with zero scientific method

as true belief continues to dictate science

~ as ~

Earth Week is a Political Media Church

and not a Science Body

as they can provide zero Peer-reviewed Scientific Reference

and refuse to debate the science of the scientific method

as they continue to preach their climate religion with zero science

beyond political media make believe

~ and ~

…when you refuse to acknowledge the scientific method for true belief in political agenda

the Science is not real

~ as ~

Life and Reality is a Temporary State of Mind

as our Life and Knowledge is a Fragment of Time

as one day all knowledge of this carbon based earth will cease to exist

as this Carbon based Earth will one day cease to exist

as time never begins and never ends

as all of time is measured by and from

~ right now ~

~

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July 9, 2016

Bentshoe ~ Astor Load

Scratchgravel Hills

Helena ~ Montana

~ USA ~

Carbon based Earth

~

the expected high for today is 80*

the expected low is 57*

the record high for today was 101* in 1886

the record low was 39* in 1944

~ 130 years ago ~

in 1886

there were no power plants or automobiles

while it took 130 years to be as warm as 130 years ago

~ * ~

~

science is: to know

~

~ * ~

~ my rebuttal to zero knowledge based on true belief in self-debunk prediction ~

as true belief is: Religion

as true belief in prediction of the unknown future is: Religion not Science

as true belief in self-debunk computer prediction is: Lunatic Religion not Science

as the United Nations continues to state it is

“likely”

Carbon based Humans cause Climate Change

as likely is a word of belief

as words prove nothing in tested knowledge

as peer-reviewed prediction is not science or reality and should not exist

as self-debunk Peer-reviewed prediction now dictates to science

as

~ Lunatic ~

Political Media ~ Paranoid ~ Climate Prediction Religion

~ based on self-debunk computer climate prediction ~

~ prediction based on flawed incomplete debunk fraudulent bogus science ~

dictates to the unknowing world and to the scientific community

dictating their self-debunk true belief as science

while refusing to debate the hard science of the scientific method

~ * ~

~

~ the ~

true belief

Climate Gospel

of

~ Christopher Hayes ~

of MSNBC

the

test proven

Pathological Liar

as

~ Chris Believes ~

the cause of all carbon based life on this carbon based earth is:

~ Pollution ~

and Chris Believes

clean white steam coming out of power plants is: Pollution

as Chris continues to Believe in a self-debunk Computer Climate Prediction

based on a flawed incomplete bogus Climate Study

based on an outdated incomplete debunk science paper

being used as scientific proof

Carbon based Humans cause all Climate Change

proving only fraud in science

as

Chris must of had a different Physics Teacher than me

a different Chemistry Teacher than me

a different Biology Teacher than me

a different Botany Teacher than me

a different Geology Teacher than me

a different Atmospheric Emission Science Teacher than me

and

a different Test Proven Reality Teacher than me

as science is questioned tested and debated not truly believed

while ignoring the scientific method

~

as Chris and his Pathological Belief are doing test proven harm

to this Carbon based Earth

and to the Carbon cycle

while lowering oxygen levels in the air

and turning underground water into an acid

as this is

~ all fact tested knowledge of the scientific method ~

ignored by Climate Religion

as

~ only Religion can refuse to acknowledge test proven fact ~

as only religion can refuse to debate the tested knowledge of the scientific method

~

….because someone believes as you believe does not make it Real

as

extreme ~ progressive ~ variable

~ Change ~

is continuous in this known Universe

~ while ~

there is zero Knowledge ~ Science ~ Test Proven Reality

in a Bogus

Flawed ~ Incomplete ~ Debunk

~ Climate Study ~

based on

an

outdated ~ incomplete ~ debunked

Science Paper

being used as scientific proof

Carbon based Humans cause Climate Change

~ proving ~

only fraud in science

~ as ~

there is zero Knowledge ~ Science ~ Test Proven Reality

in self-debunk

Computer Climate Prediction of the Un-known Future

known in the Scientific Community as Ouija Board Science

as

~ The Variable SUN ~

with many cycles continues to be warmer and brighter

until one day the SUN Vaporizes this Carbon based Earth

as

Heat ~ still ~ Rises

and

Water ~ still ~ Evaporates

as the evaporation rate of water is higher than the rate the ice is melting

lowering the level of the Oceans

while causing higher levels of water vapor and CO_2 in the air

making this Carbon based Earth Greener

because

Plants and Trees absorb water vapor and breathe CO_2

causing the Carbon Cycle = Nature = Environment

making all the oxygen we breathe while becoming the carbon based food we eat

as Plants and Trees need more not less

water vapor

and

Carbon based Oxygen = CO_2 = Carbon dioxide

to exist at their best level of health

and to keep up with the production of Nitrogen

caused by decomposing soil that is now 78.09% of the atmosphere

and will one day be all of the atmosphere

as CO_2 the first atmosphere with water vapor is now 00.036% of the air caused by Nature

by Volcanic activity below sea level while acidifying the ocean over billions of years

while 00.004% or less of the CO_2 in the air is caused by Carbon based Humans

this is the equivalent of a sewing thread

down the middle of the fifty yard line of a football field

if the atmosphere was the size of a football field

while man made CO_2 is helping nature not hurting nature

as the Carbon Oxygen Hydrogen Cycle is the cause of all nature and the environment

~

Chris

do you believe Plants and Trees should be at their highest level of health

or at their lowest level of health to be the carbon based food we eat ?

while making the oxygen we breathe ?

as

I know you ~ truly believe ~ Gaby Petron

U.S. Government Scientist for NOAA

and her statement

“this has never happen before”

but

Gaby is not going to convince the many Geologist on this Carbon based Earth

~ that I continue to discuses climate science and climate history with since 2007 ~

that the last Ice Age of the last 20 Ice Ages of the last 2 million years

did not happen and did not end about 14,000 years ago

as the Ice has been melting for 14,000 years not the last 40 years

as it was much warmer 1000 years ago than today for 200 years

or the Ice was not miles thick from where she made her very bogus statement

or the Ice core samples

proving Ice Ages with higher levels of CO_2 in the air than today

do not exist

and this why many Government Scientist in today’s world of Real Science

have little or no credibility

~ like ~

Jim Hansen NASA Scientist

and Michael Mann

as they make prediction based on ~ proven ~ bogus fraudulent science

as

49 NASA Scientist and over 9,000 PhD's of over 30,000 Scientist that I know of

disagree with Jim and Michael

and their now self-debunk prediction that Jim and Michael

continue to ~ believe ~ will still come true

as they continue to ignore test proven fact that further debunk their true belief

~ as prediction is not science ~

because

science is: to know

as there is zero knowledge in prediction

while

continued true belief in self-debunk prediction is: Religion

as Jim and Michael can not acknowledge fact and grow forward from their true belief

as science is knowledge not belief

while

Gaby

either failed grade school Geology or is just another pathological Liar

for a political agenda

for Al Gore who has publicly failed grade school science

who can not articulate the science or prove his true belief is not just a true belief

while

those who failed grade school science and do not comprehend the science

who have earned zero right to scientific opinion

~ continue to dictate science ~

to the Scientific Community

as there is zero consensus in self-debunk prediction

while Political Media Climate Religion refuses to acknowledge Test Proven Fact

or debate the test proven facts

as self-debunk make believe will never go away on this Carbon based Earth

~

Chris

you have zero back ground in Atmospheric Emission Science

as you have publicly failed grade school science for many years now

while you have earned zero right to scientific opinion

as I have e-mailed you more than 50 or more times by now

as you have yet to provide any real science to me or the world

beyond

~ Hearsay Garbage True Belief ~

in self-debunk computer prediction

as

words prove nothing in science

? so how do you know you are right ?

is it because John Kerry said so ~

as John obviously failed grade school science too

as we have the Political Media Blind in Science leading the Blind in Science

as

~ my favorite test proven publicly stated pathological Lie by John Kerry is:

“Plants and Trees can not absorb any more CO_2”

that

“Plants and Trees have absorbed all the CO_2 they can”

while

in fact tested reality in Botany Science

Plants and Trees need 4 times the CO_2 than in the air today to be Healthy

while at 160 to 210 ppm CO_2 level in the air

~ Plants start to suffocate and die ~

as this would end the carbon cycle with oxygen and hydrogen

and end all carbon based life on this carbon based earth

~ while ~

John's most Famous Proven Pathological Lie is: his 97% Consensus

as there is no scientific consensus in the scientific community

in self-debunk computer climate prediction

beyond the belief in John Kerry and his Pathological Mind

and how much money is Al Gore and John Kerry making on Al Gore's

proven fraudulent world wide carbon credit scheme

~ as ~

~ warming occurs first then water vapor and CO_2 levels rise ~

as there is many times the CO_2 in the Ocean than in the air

as most of the CO_2 in the Air comes from volcanic activity below sea level

as all carbon based life above sea level is caused by the Ocean

as the First Atmosphere was Water vapor and CO_2

causing the Carbon cycle with Oxygen and Hydrogen

causing all nature = environment

and all carbon based Life on this carbon base earth

~ where everything has carbon in it ~

as all the oxygen we breathe and all the food we eat

is made from

Carbon based Oxygen = CO_2 = Carbon dioxide

~ as ~

~ Evaporated ~

Water vapor and CO_2 is the by product of Atmospheric Warming

by the Variable SUN

off-setting warming by the Variable SUN

as most of the atmosphere is -200 * F

as increased levels of -200* F frozen Water vapor

and increased levels of -200* F frozen CO_2 = Dry Ice

come crashing down to the earths poles

as

Heat ~ still ~ Rises

as

Water ~ still ~ Evaporates

as the increased levels of frozen CO_2 = Dry Ice

cools the air 10 times faster and 20 times longer than the increased levels of frozen water

while warming to about -80* F on the way down to the earths poles

as increased evaporation increases cloud cover

increasing lighting increasing NO_x increasing O_3 oxygen = Ozone

while the increased Cloud cover is blocking more of the variable direct SUN energy

while most of the lower atmosphere of this carbon based earth

is heated by the variable hot liquid core of this carbon based earth

while climate history has proven global warming continues to happen

over and over ~ again and again

in between the last 20 Ice ages of the last 2 million years

of 4.6 billion years of extreme progressive variable Climate Change

for a dozen known reasons today

while Government Scientist tell us

“this has never happened before”

as Government Scientist continue to lie to the public in support of their political agenda

~ as their true belief in self-debunk prediction has been further debunk by real science ~

real science they continue to ignore for true belief in self-debunk computer prediction

as not one government scientist from NASA NOAA or the EPA will debate the science

of the scientific method

and after hundreds of request they still can not provide real tested knowledge

beyond ~ their ~ true belief in self-debunk prediction

as most predictions never come true

as Computer Prediction of the Un-known Future

is not Knowledge or Science or Tested Reality

as computer prediction is: make believe in the unknown future

based on test proven fraud in science

as Jim Hansen predicted about 18 years ago

~ Manhattan would be under water by now ~

as test proven science ignored by climate religion

shows us the Ocean has gone down from evaporation

while Michael Mann and his Hockey-Stick

are proven to be as bogus as a three dollar bill

as Michael continues to be paid to believe in and preach

his bogus garbage fraudulent science to our Children

as he continues to ignore test proven fact for his true belief in

self-debunk computer climate prediction

as he refuses to debate the real science that further debunk his self-debunk true belief

while Climate Religion continues to preach to the world the Ocean is rising

~ when it is not ~

further proving it is a Political Media Religion

Brain Washing the World with Garbage Science

~

a Real Scientific Climate Study is not based on Prediction

~

~ a Real Climate Study is based on the Scientific Method ~

a Real Climate Study does not intentionally ignore

~ a dozen climate variables ~

debunking their climate study

a Real Climate Study does not intentionally ignore

~ the last 2 million years of climate history ~

debunking their climate study

a Real Climate Study does not intentionally ignore

~ 180 years of test proven CO2 physics and chemistry ~

debunking their climate study

a Real Climate Study does not intentionally ignore

~ the Ocean has risen 350 feet over the last 26,000 years ~

debunking their climate study

a Real Climate Study does not intentionally ignore

~ the Ice has been melting for the last 14,000 plus years ~

debunking their climate study

a Real Climate Study does not intentionally ignore

~ Ice core samples showing us Ice Ages with higher levels of CO_2 in the air than today ~

debunking their climate study

a Real Climate Study does not intentionally ignore

~ Glacier Ice Melts from the top and bottom side while moving during Ice Ages too ~

debunking their climate study

a Real Climate Study does not

focus only on ~ 1 ~ small fragment of all knowledge

~ proving ~

the study is flawed and incomplete

as a Climate Study based on predicting the future with a computer

based on only ~ 1 ~ fragment of all knowledge

is: not science

as a Climate Study based only on continued

True Belief

in self-debunk computer climate prediction

is: not science

as a Real Climate Study does not ignore

the basics of all hard science for true belief

as this bogus flawed incomplete self-debunk Climate Study

is: test proven to be

Lunatic

Political Media ~ Paranoid ~ Climate Religion

by political agenda

as

very extreme ~ very progressive

~ very variable ~

Climate Change

is: very Real for the Past 4.6 billion years

and as CO_2 levels continue to increase caused by evaporation

caused by the variable SUN

as the SUN continues to be warmer and brighter

the rate of warming continues to slow down and not speed up as predicted

self-debunking the computer climate prediction of the un-known future

while validating all the ignored test proven science

while proving there is zero science in Climate Religion

as evaporation caused by warming by the variable SUN has lowered the sea level

causing more rain and CO_2 in the air making this Carbon based Earth Greener

while

~ 135,000 years ago the Ocean was 60 feet higher ~

and 100 feet higher 14 million years ago

while much of Montana was below Sea level 93 million years ago

~ Geology Ignored by Climate Religion ~

~

Politicians like Al Gore and John Kerry are test proven Lairs and Frauds in Science

as Climate Religion continues to refuse to debate the science

further proving it is a Political Media Religion and not fact tested knowledge

of the

Scientific Method

as

Political Media Climate Religion Agenda

dictates science to the scientific community with zero science

~

~*~

~

~ 1000 years ago ~

Montana had California Climate for 200 years

as

only Religion refuses to acknowledge test proven fact

~

Gaby Petron NOAA Scientist

Gabrielle.Petron@noaa.gov

you can not connect all the dots

when you refuses to see all the dots

why

do you believe in self-debunk prediction ?

why

do you ignore a dozen climate variables ?

why

do you ignore the last 2 million years of climate history ?

why

do you ignore 180 years of test proven Physics and Chemistry ?

all further debunking your true belief in self-debunk computer prediction

as

~ the belief you preach is not knowledge ~

as climate religion is based on test proven lies

as you preach test proven Fraud in science

while you state what is happening now

“this has never happen before”

and is not only a very proven lie

it is as dumb as telling the world it has never Rain or Snow before

as

I Challenge you

to an open public debate in Real Test Proven Climate Science

and Real Climate History and Real Ice Core Science

and 180 years of Real test proven CO2 Physics and Chemistry

as you are a test proven Brain Washed Lair or you do not comprehend the Real Science

~ as over 9000 PhD’s ~

of over 32,000 scientist that I know of

disagree with you

as you ignore this proven fact

as test proven science and history ~ you intentionally ignore ~ disagree with you too

~ as ~

only in religion can there be only one side of the story

as only in fascism there can be only one belief

as there are no sides or belief in science

as the religion of science is skepticism of true belief dictating science

and if you only believe then you can never know

as there is no knowledge ~ science ~ tested reality in make believe

in computer climate prediction of the un known future

as this is test proven political media religion and not science of the scientific method

as climate religion is lowering oxygen levels in the air

while turning underground water into an acid

while reducing what plants and trees need 4 times more of in the air to be healthy

as

water vapor and CO_2 caused the first atmosphere

causing the carbon cycle = nature = environment

causing all carbon based life on this carbon based earth

as you call

Carbon based Oxygen = CO_2 = Carbon dioxide = Pollution

this is not science

this is test proven Stupidity in Science

as you continue to preach your self-debunk prediction religion

based on a Bogus Flawed Incomplete Climate Study

based on an Incomplete Debunk Science Paper

a Fragment of Knowledge

while ignoring all proven fact tested knowledge of the scientific method

further proving your true belief is a political religion and not test proven science

and if you can not publicly debate the real science

then you and your so called science are not real

as you do not know more than you know

as you refuse to learn new and old knowledge that debunk your true belief

for the sake of your true belief in self-debunk computer climate prediction

as science is never settled in the scientific method

Bruce A. Kershaw

40 years everyday

Atmospheric Emission Control Science and Testing

with an on going Climate Science Investigation since 2007

~

Gaby Petron will not debate the science

just like all the other Government scientist

proving she is not a real scientist of the scientific method

~

as the U.N. continues to state to the world

~ based on zero proven knowledge ~

it is

“likely”

Humans cause all Climate Change

as the U.N. is a political body not a science body

as their Climate Study has proven only one thing

beyond their self-debunk hypothetical conjecture

~ test proven fraud in science ~

as some Lunatic Scientist like

Jagadish Shukla

George Mason University

who has received over 300 million dollars of Tax Payer Money from the U.S. Government

so he may Preach his Climate Prediction Religion

believe Real Scientist like me should be

~ as stated in his letter to the White House ~

~ Prosecuted ~

for not believing in his self-debunk prediction religion

further proving

Lunatic

Political Media ~ Paranoid ~ Climate Religion

as they continue to refuse to debate

Real Tested Knowledge of the Scientific Method

proving it is a political religion and not tested science

as they continue to ignore test proven reality for debunk true belief

as they have yet to prove their religion is not a religion

and after more than 40,000 requests since 2007

for test proven knowledge beyond only true belief

they can provide zero scientific rebuttal

beyond threats insults and name calling by so called PhD's

who are true believers who ignore all real science

as the political media refuses to acknowledge test proven fact

beyond their true belief

because they have zero comprehension

of the proven fact tested knowledge of the scientific method

~

as climate change is real but not caused by you and me

as paranoid climate religion is

Subsidized and Preached

by the

United States Government

and

Political Media Agenda

who can provide zero articulation of the science

beyond test proven lies based on ~ their ~ true belief

and when science can no longer be publicly debated

then science is no longer test proven reality

~

do you know ~ or ~ do you believe

as the religion of science is skepticism of true belief dictating science

~

To:

Chris Hayes

christopherhayes@gmail.com

&

MSNBC

Thank You

~ for ~

Political Media Paranoid Climate Prediction Religion

? do you want to save this carbon based planet ?

~ stop lying to the public ~

~

but who cares if your true belief is doing test proven harm to this carbon based planet

as long as you win the political battle

as you have turned science into a Paranoid Political Media Religion

~

Ignoring test proven fact for make believe is not science

as there is zero test proven reality in your make believe

as your journalism is based on only hearsay true belief

and zero investigative fact

while ignoring knowledge for belief is religion not science

as it does not matter to you that Gaby Petron is a fact tested proven Lair in science

as long as she believes as you believe

or Politicians like John Kerry are test proven Liars in science

but how would you know

as you are not a scientist

you are a Preacher for Climate Religion and not a teacher of test proven fact

as you ignore the scientific method

~ as you promote a political agenda committing test proven fraud in science ~

as you refuse to be a Real Journalist and cover both sides of the story

as you promote only your political belief regardless of the test proven facts

facts that you do not comprehend and never will

as you are a true believer

as there is zero belief in science

~

Chris

you are a journalist who is a test proven Liar in Science

so what else are you lying about ?

as your truth credibility is now zero

because of your true belief

as you truly believe your test proven lies

making you a test proven Pathological Lair

~

as no one can always be right about everything all of the time

and it takes a Real Man to admit when he is wrong

and learn and grow forward

but you are not smart enough to know you are wrong

as you and MSNBC are proven cowards to reality

as you are afraid to know the test proven reality

as you are afraid to know your true belief is not test proven fact

as you and MSNBC are not scientist or a science body

as you have zero credentials in science

as you have earned zero right to scientific opinion

as you continue to have a belief opinion not a scientific opinion

while you have made zero effort to investigate the science beyond only your true belief

as you do not ~ Know ~ either way

you just believe

as

~ you can not articulate the tested knowledge ~

so you just ignore the tested knowledge

as you just believe everything you are told believe

that supports your true political belief agenda

by Political Government Scientist who have been debunk

debunked by those who are not paid by the US Government

or by the United Nations

as Gaby Petron NOAA U.S. Government Scientist

has been debunk

as she will not debate the real science of the scientific method

proving she has zero real science

but how would you know this test proven fact

as you allow zero scientific rebuttal or debate to find the tested truth

because

you are not Scientist and do not know you just believe

as you refuse to look at both sides of the scientific argument

as you are apart of a political media agenda

with zero comprehension of the tested knowledge

as you will not allow an open public scientific debate

so both sides can be heard on the same stage

as you are not a True Journalist or Real Scientist

as you have made up your mind with out looking at all or any tested knowledge

as you will only allow the public to know only your true belief

and nothing else and nothing more

as you are paid to support a political agenda

that can prove nothing with real science of the scientific method

as I am paid by no one or anything

and I am against any and all political Party's and political agenda

as Political Party's are Political Religions

as we live with two forms of Fascism trying to destroy each other

while together they continue to destroy this Country

~ as ~

science is: to know

science is: questioned ~ tested and debated

science is: ~ not ~ believed

and if can not debate the science then it is not tested reality

~ as ~

Political Media Morons and Lunatics in Science Dictate Science to Scientist

and when there is zero tested reality in politics ~ there can be no tested reality in science

as there is zero scientific method in political media prediction religion agenda

as both the Democrats and Republicans are political religions not science body's

as test proven science is not a factor in politics

as both political party religions are wrong in tested knowledge

while there can be no tested reality with out real science

as science is to know

~ so ~

what do you know ~ and ~ what do you believe

as there is zero reality in make believe

~ Chris ~

~ everything I have and own ~

with the exception of my Wife my Dog and my Motor Home

and some of my clothes

my fishing gear and my 12 String Guitar and any Beer still in the Refrigerator

other wise its all yours

~ for ~

the fact tested knowledge

proving

Carbon based Humans

cause

Climate Warming

of this Carbon based Earth

with

Man Made

Carbon based Oxygen = CO_2 = Carbon dioxide

~

~ I have and own ~

the patent signed by President Hubert Hoover in 1931

for the Astor Load ~ Lead Silver and Gold ~ Mining Claim

in the Scratchgravel Hills of Helena Montana

~ called the Scratchgravel Hills ~

because

after a hard rain back in the Gold Rush Days of Helena

you could scratch around in the gravel with your fingers and pick up Gold

in a private valley where I can see many snow covered Mountain Ranges

on 14 acres surrounded by BLM Land where motorized vehicles are prohibited

where we have lots of Hiking and Biking and Horse Trails

with my 2000 sq ft Home that comes with my 30 year old House Plants

my collection of Art work

my Rock and Bottle collection

all the custom built furniture and collectible antiques

including my Mothers old Victrola Record Players

a Music Collection and various Musical Instruments

along with more than all the needed accessory's that go with a home

~ my custom built home was built to my specifications in 1999 ~

delivered from Oregon and assembled

just before the world was predicted to end ~ again ~

so its super insulated for our -40* below zero cold weather during our Global Warming

here where the Mountain Lions and Wolves and Coyotes

and a Herd of Elk roam with the Antelope in my front yard

where sometimes when I come home late in the dark

I have to drive through the Herd of Elk to get to my driveway

so I can get to my home

to the Fox and Tiber Rattlers

where the Eagles and Turkey Vultures Hunt

while the Moose and Grizzly Bear live on the other side of the valley

where I have almost been run over by a Moose a couple of times Hiking

while we do not see much Deer up here as most of them live in town eating in all gardens

as I can legally hunt from my front porch but I am not a hunter

I am just an observer of Nature

now add my

$250,000 of Tools and Equipment of my Business of the last 33 years here in Helena

and my 69 Ford XL with 429 CID Engine

my 77 Ford F-150 4 x 4

my 78 Ford Bronco 4 x 4

my 78 Buick Regal Turbo Sport Coupe

my 78 Dodge Mitsubishi Challenger

my 84 Buick Riviera with a V8 that gets 26 MPG at 80 miles per hour

with the air conditioning turned on

my two matching blue 94 Chrysler New Yorkers that get 31 miles per gallon

and my 98 Ford F-150 4 x 4

all yours for the fact tested knowledge

~ proving ~

Carbon based Humans cause Climate Warming

of this Carbon based Earth

with

Man Made

Carbon based Oxygen

and then I can get the Hell away from this Damn Computer

and go Fishing

because I hate writing

~ while ~

at this time in earth history

the earth is spinning at 1000 miles per hour at the Equator

as the earth makes one full rotation every 24 hours

making the earth 24,000 miles around

and if you were standing with the heels of your feet on the north or south poles

of this

Carbon based Earth

your carbon based toes would be very cold while moving about one inch per hour

depending on the size of your feet and toes

but do not believe me

~ do the math ~

as science is

~ Questioned ~

Tested and Debated

not Believed

as there are ~ zero ~ emotional feelings of true belief or faith in

proven fact tested knowledge of the scientific method

~

Theory is: to view ~

a speculative conjecture of observed phenomena

a guess of what you see is happening with understanding

and is not 100% verified to be test proven fact

theory is: not test proven fact

while theory can be proven or dis-proven

and when theory is proven it becomes science

and when unproven theory is debunk it becomes garbage in science

as

Science is to know

as science is proven wrong more often than proven right

as we learn and grow forward by acknowledging our mistakes

and if you can not admit a mistake when proven wrong

because of your true belief

you can not learn and grow forward

while doing test proven harm because you are wrong

because your true belief will not allow you to look at the test proven facts

that debunk your true belief

while there is zero belief in science

as

belief in self-debunk dis-proven theory is not science

as hypothetical conjecture is not knowledge

as prediction is not knowledge

as belief while preaching self-debunk computer climate prediction is: religion

as the Religion of Science is Skepticism of True Belief dictating science

as science is to know and not make believe in test proven garbage with zero science

~

prediction = zero knowledge = zero science

as

Climate Religion Dictates self-debunk Garbage in Science as Science

and if you believe Carbon based Humans cause Climate Change

then you do not ~ know ~ Humans cause Climate Change

as

Questioned Tested Debated Knowledge

further

~ debunk ~

True Belief in self-debunk Computer Climate Prediction of the Unknown Future

as belief in self-debunk prediction is still religion and not test proven fact

while ignoring fact for belief is not science

while using a flawed incomplete study

based on a outdated incomplete debunk science paper as scientific proof

to make a prediction of the unknown future

while stating to the world this proves Humans cause Climate Change

is:

Test Proven Fraud ~ not ~ Test Proven Science

as we must now deal with a belief syndrome in science

in our Public Schools and Collages and University's

preaching belief in self-debunk prediction as knowledge to our children

subsidized by the U.S. Government with Taxpayer Money

as Science is now a new form of Religion in our schools and no longer

Questioned Tested Debated Knowledge

while programming a computer to tell what you want to be told

based on belief is not knowledge

as there is zero scientific reality in Ouija Board Science

by

Lunatic

Political Media ~ Paranoid ~ Climate Religion

as they do

Test Proven Harm

to the Carbon Cycle and all Carbon based Life on this Carbon base Earth

for the sake of true belief

~

Carbon based Oxygen = CO_2 = Carbon dioxide

with

Water Vapor

caused the first atmosphere

causing the

Carbon ~ Oxygen ~ Hydrogen

~ cycle ~

causing all

Nature = Environment = Carbon based Life

on this

Carbon based Earth

and is not

Pollution

as stated by

Climate Religion

who have failed Grade School Science

as

evaporated

Water vapor and CO_2 is the by product of Climate Warming

while off setting Climate Warming by the Variable Sun

as

Water Vapor and CO_2 is test proven to cause Cooling not Warming

in

180 years of test proven physics and chemistry

as this knowledge is ignored by Climate Religion for true belief

in

self-debunk computer prediction

as

increased levels of

-200 degree Dry Ice and frozen Water Vapor

continues to come crashing down to the North and South Poles

of this

Carbon based Earth

because

Heat ~ still ~ Rises

and this why there will always be Ice at the North and South Poles

as Ice Melts from the bottom and top side and moves during Ice Ages too

as 1000 years ago Montana had California Climate for 200 years

as

very extreme progressive variable

Climate Change is Real

caused by an infinity of climate variable

for dozen known reasons

long before You and Me

as this is ignored by Climate Religion for true belief

in

self-debunk computer prediction

based on

proven

Fraudulent Science

~

and this why Climate Religion refuses to debate the real science

as they continue to preach their true make believe

with zero science

and when the CO_2 level drops to 210 ppm and lower

all carbon based life on this carbon based earth will cease to exist

because all the plants and trees will begin to suffocated and die

and end the carbon cycle with oxygen and hydrogen

Ending Nature = Environment

and the production carbon based food to eat and the production of oxygen to breathe

as nitrogen will continue to increase from decomposing soil

and will take over the atmosphere

~

If CO2 is Pollution

then why do we put CO2 in our drinks since the 1700's ?

because

it has never been called pollution until Al Gore came along

as Al Gore is a Test Proven Lunatic and Fraud in Science

so I guess I will be stuck in front of computer for the rest of life

as Al Gore and the U.N. can Prove nothing with tested Science

as the U.N. states it is "Likely" we Humans cause Climate Change

and when requested many times since 2007 the U.N. can provide zero science

beyond their true belief in self-debunk computer prediction

based on a very flawed incomplete study

based on a outdated incomplete debunk science paper

being used as scientific proof

proving fraud

by

Lunatic

Political Media ~ Paranoid ~ Climate Religion

who have publicly failed Grade School Science

with their test proven Lies in science

as the cause of all carbon based life on this carbon based earth is not pollution

and does not cause climate warming

as no one can prove differently

in my on going climate science investigation since the spring of 2007

proving

Test Proven Fraud by Climate Religion

while Ignored by Climate Religion

as they can provide zero articulation of the science

because they have zero comprehension of science

as they have earned zero right to scientific opinion

as there is zero science in Climate Religion

as true belief in self-debunk computer prediction is: not science

as Climate Religion believes I should be Prosecuted

for not believing in ~ their ~ True Belief

further proving

it is a Test Proven Religion by Lunatics in Science

who refuse to look at

Proven Fact Tested Knowledge

of the

Scientific Method

as Religion does not look at Test Proven Science

Religion dictates Science from True Belief

while refusing to debate the real science

~

The unproven Theory is now self-debunk

while further debunked by test proven knowledge

that was ignored when making the speculative hypothetical conjecture ~

by a flawed incomplete study

by those who are paid money to make failed predictions

as most predictions never come true

and if you keep preaching it after it has been dis-proven

that is not science that's religion

while Starvation

and Nuclear Fall Out and Melt Down and Waste

~ Pollution ~

lasting thousands of years in the soil we grow our food

and in the Air we Breathe and in the Water we Drink

and in Oceans we Fish

the nuclear-pollution that continues to grow

~ is: very real

and is very ignored by

Climate Religion

as Political Media Morons and Lunatics in Science Dictate Science

as change is continuous

as it was this warm 130 years ago

before

Power Plants and Automobiles

while the climate was much much warmer 1000 years ago than today

for 200 years

and as long as heat continues to rise

there will always be -200 * Dry Ice crashing down to the Poles of this carbon based earth

where everything has carbon in it ~

causing a carbon cycle with oxygen and hydrogen

causing all carbon based life and energy

on this

Carbon based Earth

where science is: to know

as

science is: ~ not ~ make believe

Peace

and live long and prosper

Bruce

~

About Bruce A. Kershaw

Born ~ March 27, 1956 at 11:10 pm Long Beach California other wise I'm still breathing O2 made from CO2 and eating food made from CO2 ~ the rest is Icing on the cake ~
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To:	LEG Response
Subject:	Montana needs a responsible transition to clean, renewable energy!
Date:	Wednesday, August 17, 2016 8:37:19 AM

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From:	Montana Conservation Voters on behalf of Megan Faber
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From:	Montana Conservation Voters on behalf of Wade Sikorski
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	Montana needs a responsible transition to clean, renewable energy!
Date:	Thursday, August 18, 2016 9:33:08 AM

Aug 16, 2016

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To:	LEG Response
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From: Jennifer Petritz
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Monday, August 22, 2016 7:22:37 PM

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From: Jolene Verlanic
To: LEG Response
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From:	Connie Warner
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	A Thoughtful Transition to Clean Energy
Date:	Monday, August 22, 2016 6:52:30 PM

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To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Monday, August 22, 2016 3:20:35 PM

Sonja Nowakowski,

Dear Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee,

The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee is considering a number of important bills (LC COL 1-7) relating to the future of Colstrip and those employed in coal-based industries. I am writing to voice my support for these efforts.

No matter where you live and work, all Montanans need to stand together for the thousands of families whose livelihoods depend on the decisions made by the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee. The fact of the matter is that many of the problems facing the Colstrip units are the result of corporate greed and mismanagement. The consequences for those decisions, which were made by executives and well paid legal teams, are being hoisted onto the backs of workers and their families. That's wrong. We must hold these corporations accountable.

For decades, massive corporations have reaped the benefits of Montana's cheap and abundant natural resources. It's time to take care of the people who have done the back breaking work. We cannot abandon them and southeast Montana, especially when they have done nothing wrong.

I strongly urge the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee to thoughtfully consider proposed legislation aimed at holding massive corporations accountable while sheltering thousands of hard working Montana families.

Thank you.

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Subject: I support Montana solar and smart net metering
Date: Friday, August 19, 2016 11:33:57 AM

To: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

Committee members,

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Net metered solar energy development can create jobs, decrease energy costs, and clean up our electrical grid, but only with your support.

Thank you.

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From:	Montana Conservation Voters on behalf of Grace Hodges
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	Transition to clean, renewable energy!
Date:	Monday, August 22, 2016 7:39:53 PM

Aug 22, 2016

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I ask you to support steps to allow Montanans to make the energy decisions that make sense to them while also ensuring certainty for our current renewable energy customers and businesses.

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Subject:	A Thoughtful Transition to Clean Energy
Date:	Monday, August 22, 2016 7:36:52 PM

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Date:	Monday, August 22, 2016 7:36:39 PM

From: bruce@co2u.info
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2016 6:39 PM
To: Katherine Haque-Hausrath
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Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Kilmartin's tactics in supporting President Barack Obama's climate change policy violate state law guaranteeing access to public records, the two groups, Energy and Environment Legal Institute and Free Market Environmental Law Clinic, claim in their lawsuit.

If Kilmartin and the other attorneys general prevail in the deal to keep select details secret, the ordinary citizen will be the loser, Chris Horner, a leading critic of climate change orthodoxy, said.

"It will mean that they can create privilege for what are otherwise public records, even when shared with ideological activists and donors, so long as everyone who wants to keep their scheming secret agrees in advance," Horner told The Daily Signal.

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To:	LEG Response
Subject:	Montana needs a responsible transition to clean, renewable energy!
Date:	Monday, August 22, 2016 7:36:27 PM

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Money can be used to retrain those who will be losing their jobs as the demand for coal reduces and power plants are de-commissioned.

Climate change is real and is already having an impact around the state. We cannot keep our heads in the sand as a state.

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Sincerely,

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Date:	Monday, August 22, 2016 8:43:34 PM

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From: Robert Pontius
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Subject: Colstrip bills
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From: Margaret Murphy
To: LEG Response
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Date: Monday, August 22, 2016 9:13:15 PM

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From: JW & Lori Westman
To: LEG Response
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From: Roger Hagan
To: LEG Response
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To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 11:25:31 PM

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From: Cindy Williams
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From: Sidney Pitt
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From: Steve CAREY
To: LEG Response
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To:	LEG Response
Subject:	A Thoughtful Transition to Clean Energy
Date:	Tuesday, August 23, 2016 8:43:06 PM

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From: Joan Brady
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From: Melissa Wilkinson
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To:	LEG Response
Subject:	A Thoughtful Transition to Clean Energy
Date:	Tuesday, August 23, 2016 7:56:51 PM

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To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 5:43:38 PM

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Date:	Tuesday, August 23, 2016 5:10:13 PM

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Date:	Tuesday, August 23, 2016 4:21:55 PM

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From: dana tallbull
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To:	LEG Response
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From: Alissa Boar
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To:	LEG Response
Subject:	A Thoughtful Transition to Clean Energy
Date:	Tuesday, August 23, 2016 9:20:30 AM

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Date:	Tuesday, August 23, 2016 8:31:47 AM

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From: Carla J White
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Date:	Monday, August 22, 2016 9:49:45 PM

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From: Eliza Gray
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From: Stacy Stewart
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From:	Alison Young
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	A Thoughtful Transition to Clean Energy
Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 10:59:30 AM

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To:	LEG Response
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Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 10:25:19 AM

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From: Michelle Sousley
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Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 9:04:32 AM

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From:	Debra Turnquist
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Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 8:34:32 AM

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From: Gregory Keller
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To:	LEG Response
Subject:	A Thoughtful Transition to Clean Energy
Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 12:32:49 AM

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From: Shirley <2dognight@bresnan.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 8:37 AM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Energy

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Sent from my iPhone

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Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 3:56:19 PM

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From: Montana Conservation Voters <neal@mtvoters.org> on behalf of MICHELLE MANLEY <mcv@mtvoters.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 5:12 PM
To: LEG Response
Subject: Montana needs a responsible transition to clean, renewable energy!

Aug 23, 2016

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To:	LEG Response
Subject:	Montana needs a responsible transition to clean, renewable energy!
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From: Mark Anderlik
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 4:45:43 PM

ETIC Committee,

Dear Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Members,

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I strongly urge the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee to thoughtfully consider proposed legislation aimed at holding massive corporations accountable while sheltering thousands of hard working Montana families.

Thank you.

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Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 4:36:34 PM

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From: Alex Malich
To: LEG Response
Subject: Climate Concern
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 4:25:48 PM

Hello,
I am concerned about global warming. The Montana Legislature should encourage the expansion of solar and wind power as rapidly as possible. Because solar and wind power are so critical to fighting runaway climate change, the Committee should get rid of arbitrary limits on the size of renewable energy developments and continue robust incentives for residential customers, neighborhoods, and communities that install solar panels and wind generators.
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From:	kathy jensen
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	A Thoughtful Transition to Clean Energy
Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 4:12:54 PM

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From: Rodney Driver
To: LEG Response
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Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016 6:55:05 PM

ETIC Committee,

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From: Robert Funk
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016 6:06:18 PM

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From:	KnowWho Services
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	ETIC Comments re: Colstrip
Date:	Thursday, August 25, 2016 5:56:21 PM

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The ETIC considering several bills addressing Colstrip and Montana workers in coal-based jobs. Thank you all for these efforts.

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From: Jim Davis
To: LEG Response
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To: LEG Response
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Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016 3:01:57 PM

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From: Dillon Smith
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016 10:17:42 AM

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From: Jim Davis
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From: Nicole Thuotte
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Date:	Thursday, August 25, 2016 9:53:40 AM

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From: Denise Tarr
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From:	KnowWho Services
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	ETIC Comments re: Colstrip
Date:	Thursday, August 25, 2016 8:44:52 AM

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From: Sharon Stratton
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016 8:04:25 AM

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Date:	Thursday, August 25, 2016 8:03:43 AM

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Subject:	ETIC Comments re: Colstrip
Date:	Thursday, August 25, 2016 7:21:13 AM

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From: Jason O"Rear
To: LEG Response
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From: Gilbert Fischer
To: LEG Response
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From: Ben Thomas
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
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From: Jerilyn Lessley
To: LEG Response
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From:	Elizabeth A. Taylor
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	A Thoughtful Transition to Clean Energy
Date:	Thursday, August 25, 2016 1:28:15 AM

Dear Montana Legislators

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From:	KnowWho Services
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	ETIC Comments re: Colstrip
Date:	Thursday, August 25, 2016 12:58:55 AM

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From:	KnowWho Services
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	ETIC Comments re: Colstrip
Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 11:19:39 PM

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From:	KnowWho Services
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Subject:	ETIC Comments re: Colstrip
Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 10:59:02 PM

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From: Joe Granvold
To: LEG Response
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From:	Karen Datko
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	A Thoughtful Transition to Clean Energy
Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 9:44:50 PM

Dear Montana Legislators

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To: LEG Response
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Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 9:11:59 PM

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From: Michael Shelton
To: LEG Response
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From: Ken Clark
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From: Roxanne Roxanne
To: LEG Response
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Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 7:57:12 PM

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Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 7:07:14 PM

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To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 6:34:47 PM

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From: Nathan Glenn
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From: Karla Ekblad
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To:	LEG Response
Subject:	ETIC Comments re: Colstrip
Date:	Wednesday, August 24, 2016 5:55:35 PM

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I strongly urge the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee to thoughtfully consider proposed legislation aimed at holding massive corporations accountable while sheltering thousands of hard working Montana families.

Thank you.

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To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016 8:19:49 PM

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From: Karl Edwards <ulzana@bresnan.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2016 8:25 PM
To: LEG Response
Subject: A Thoughtful Transition to Clean Energy

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Date:	Friday, August 26, 2016 8:00:51 AM

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Subject:	ETIC Comments re: Colstrip
Date:	Thursday, August 25, 2016 11:21:22 PM

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From:	KnowWho Services
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	ETIC Comments re: Colstrip
Date:	Friday, August 26, 2016 11:22:08 AM

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From: Robert Funk
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To:	LEG Response
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Date:	Sunday, August 28, 2016 3:31:29 PM

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From:	KnowWho Services
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	ETIC Comments re: Colstrip
Date:	Tuesday, August 30, 2016 11:09:51 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: Wesley Lahn
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 9:16:22 AM

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From:	KnowWho Services
To:	LEG Response
Subject:	ETIC Comments re: Colstrip
Date:	Monday, August 29, 2016 9:51:16 PM

Dear ETIC staff,

I am a registered nurse working in Great Falls, MT. This transition from fossil fuels to a clean economy will be dramatic for our state, but I know it is absolutely necessary. Therefore, the sooner we begin this transition the smoother it will go. There's no reason to wait until the breaking point when the only possibility left for our economy is catastrophe.
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Nowakowski, Sonja

From: KnowWho Services <noreply@knowwho.services>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 8:21 PM
To: LEG Response
Subject: ETIC Comments re: Colstrip

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From: Casey Hauser
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Monday, September 05, 2016 7:54:35 AM

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From: Katie Sutton
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Monday, September 05, 2016 7:53:23 AM

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Subject:	ETIC Comments re: Colstrip
Date:	Sunday, September 04, 2016 9:50:26 AM

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From: Jess Labuff
To: LEG Response
Subject: Colstrip bills
Date: Friday, September 02, 2016 8:13:39 AM

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