BUYER BEWARE
COLSTRIP: MONTANA’S DIRTIEST COAL PLANT
Dear Northwestern Energy,

I strongly oppose Northwestern Energy purchasing the dirty and expensive Colstrip Power Plant.

The Colstrip Power Plant is the filthiest plant in Montana. Its enormous liabilities are skyrocketing. A new owner will inherit antiquated air pollution controls, leaking sludge ponds, extensive ground water contamination, and increasing competition from cleaner and cheaper energy sources. NWE’s small share of Colstrip is already one of its most expensive resources. These other liabilities will only make that power even more expensive over time.

We urge NWE to avoid purchasing this toxic asset. It will harm ratepayers. As Puget Sound Energy—the largest owner of the Colstrip plant—recently said, “We know the end point of coal is soon. We know that coal is a dead end.”

NWE should not saddle ratepayers with an increasingly expensive and dirty asset. NWE should invest in clean energy which means good jobs and clear air for Montana.