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I'm writing to express my concern that PacifiCorp's latest resource plan would continue investments in aging coal plants, putting ratepayers on the hook for as much as 1.3 billion dollars over the next decade to prolong the lives of over a dozen coal plants.

If PacifiCorp's would instead spend those dollars on new cleaner energy sources we would all literally breath easier. And if they would stop trying to kill individual solar power by adding extra fees to people who spend their own money on solar systems, they perhaps would realize that all that money that individuals spend on solar panels is money they do not have to spend themselves. Granted, they still have to have power resources to generate power when the sun is not shining, but the high peaks of energy usage during the heat of the day when everybody's air conditioners are running would not be nearly as high so they would not need as many new Natural Gas or Coal plants to cover that peak demand. They are in effect getting new power plants that they don't have to pay for themselves. Also, with the rapid advancements in battery technology there is no good reason that PacifiCorp can't use their resources for newer cleaner technologies as they meet the needs of our growing population. Which would be the morally right thing to do as our air quality is not going to get better unless we do something about it.

Thanks

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