



deer creek coal mine closure

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Wondering how persons in the PSC can allow Pacificorp to close the cheapest source of coal in Pacificorps system. This fact has been confirmed numerous times by representatives of Interwest Mining in their testimony asking for rate hikes. In fact one of the most expensive coal sources for the coal fired plants has been third party coal. That has also been proven a fact by the persons giving testimony to numerous Public Service Commissions of numerous states.

Their statements to the public make the illusion Deer Creek Mine is out of reserves. The truth being we have the ability to mine Fossil Rock Fuels reserves. Which is approximately another 20 plus years of low cost coal. Which has been sold to Bowie Resources, a third party.

The other question concerning the mine closure is how can the PSC justify allowing approximately 3 to 4 million tons of coal be delivered in coal trucks on state roads. Using rough estimates, you are allowing 275 trucks with double trailers driving the states highways in Carbon and Emery county, with all the trucks converging thru Huntington City. The cost of coal being delivered to the Huntington power plant has to be increased well beyond the price of coal delivered from the Deer Creek Mine.

How does that help the ratepayers?